



June 2017

## RE: Year 9 Formal Tests

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our drive to prepare our students for the rigours of the GCSE examinations in the future, we have scheduled a series of formal tests in English and maths for all students in Year 9 before the end of June.

Both sets of tests will be sat in the sports hall under the same conditions that students will face in their GCSE examinations with the intention of students getting used to the different setting and pressures of formal examinations.

Your child will sit a single 2-hour English test on the afternoon of Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June and two 1-hour maths tests (one calculator; one non-calculator) on the morning of Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. All of the material in the tests will be based on work and skills that have been covered in your child's lessons this year, and students will receive advice on what they should practice in advance by their class teacher. A brief overview of topics to be covered is available below:

### Maths

Students will be tested on all topics covered this year, all of which will be supported by the College homework booklets. Information for each topic is available through the maths curriculum maps, which can be accessed via the college website.

### English

Section A: An unseen extract from prose fiction with five questions to answer on the extract

Section B: A non-fiction writing task (speech, article or review)

Section C: An unseen poem to analyse

Additionally, students will receive a full briefing on these tests in a school assembly over the next week.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at College.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Principal

