

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 9 Assessments**

During this Autumn term, our Year 9 students will be sitting their mid-year assessments from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. These assessments are known as 'summative assessments', as they will cover content from across the year, rather than the more frequent smaller assessments students complete at the end of individual lessons or at the end of topics.

Our teachers have been carefully planning these assessments to make sure that they cover content that students have been able to engage with effectively and these assessments have also gone through further quality assurance to ensure that they are accessible and relevant to our students.

These mid-year assessments are an opportunity for students to showcase their learning and take real pride in the progress that they have made across the year so far. As a school, we want students to approach them with a sense of confidence, which is why we have been working with them on how to develop study skills and how they can use their classwork and home learning to continue to prepare for their assessments.

Through our tutor time programme and assemblies, we have been talking to our students about supporting their wellbeing, health and getting themselves prepared. I know that there will be some anxiety around this and so we have a plan in place to support students. We are introducing revision strategies to students and time will be given to revising content from Year 9 to thoroughly prepare students for these assessments.

In the meantime, please encourage your children to use their time wisely in the lead up to the assessments by engaging with their regular homework, taking time to study as well as time for exercise and relaxation. We have some helpful guidance for parents regarding students' wellbeing on our [website](#).

Our website also has a full overview of our curriculum in Year 9, including further signposting to online learning resources for each subject which can be found here: <https://www.rgtrustschool.net/secondary/curriculum>

After these mid-year assessments, our Year 9 cohort will be introduced to the Pathways process. There will be a series of information events for both parents/carers and students to support with the understanding of the pathways process. These will support and ensure that students make appropriate selections with regards to their GCSEs and BTECs courses.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this upcoming assessment series, then please contact me via reception on 0208 312 5480 or by emailing [info@rgtrustschool.net](mailto:info@rgtrustschool.net)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of our students' success in their mid-term assessments and thank them for all their hard work and dedication this term.

Your sincerely



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