



Dear Parent/Carer

19th April 2024

Year 9 Core Assessments - 7th-9th May

At the beginning of May, your child along with the rest of year 9 will sit assessments in English, Maths and Science in formal exam conditions. All assessments are an extremely important part of the preparation for GCSEs which begin in year 10, as they will help gauge progress so far and the individual student priorities for moving forward. The results of these assessments will be shared with you in their report which you will receive just before the Summer break. These assessments will also form part of the decision making for setting going into Year 10.

Each assessment is 1 hour in length and assesses their learning from Key Stage 3, so any topic learnt in years 7-9 could be assessed, links to BBC Bitesize can be found below. We therefore value your support in ensuring your child is well prepared for these assessments by encouraging them to complete independent revision at home as well as working hard during lessons.

Date	Start time: 1.55pm	Key Stage 3 - Revision resources
Tuesday, 7th May	Science Assessment	Biology , Chemistry and Physics
Wednesday, 8th May	Maths Assessment	All topics . Students can also prepare for the test using the 'Independent Learning' tab on the Sparx Maths home screen. They can then select all KS3 topics from the drop-down menu.
Thursday, 9th May	English Assessment	Focus on Critical Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

If your child needs support on how to revise, the videos below which are based on evidence, go through the most effective way to revise.

[How to Revise Effectively - Video Tutorial - Part 1](#)

Making resources - selecting, condensing, organising and integrating information.

[How to Revise Effectively - Video Tutorial - Part 2](#)

Using resources - devising/using questions, recalling/retrieving and spaced practice.

Your child needs to come with the following equipment for their assessments in a clear pencil case; 2x black biros, 1x pencil, 1x rubber, 1x ruler and a scientific calculator.

If you have any questions or would like more information on how to support your child in their revision, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@cchs.school

Yours faithfully

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