



# Clacton County High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Core Assessments, 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

In mid-March all Year 9 students will sit assessments in English, Maths and Science in formal exam conditions. Assessments are an extremely important part of the preparation for GCSEs which begin in year 10, they will help gauge student progress so far and identify individual student learning priorities for moving forward. The results of these assessments will be shared alongside your child's report which you will receive in the Summer term. These assessments will also form part of the decision-making for class setting going into Year 10.

Each assessment is 1 hour in length and assesses learning from Key Stage 3, so any topic, learnt within these subjects, in years 7-9 could be assessed. We value your support at home to ensure your child is well prepared for these assessments by bringing the correct equipment, encouraging them to complete independent revision and working hard during lessons. Links to BBC Bitesize, to help your child prepare for the assessments, can be found in the table below.

Date/time	Assessment	Key Stage 3 - Revision resources	Equipment students must bring to their assessments
12 noon Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Maths</b> Assessment	<a href="#">All topics</a> . Students can also prepare for the test using the 'Independent Learning' tab on the <a href="#">Sparx Maths</a> home screen. They can then select all KS3 topics from the drop-down menu.	Black pen and a spare Pencil, 30cm ruler Scientific Calculator
2pm Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science</b> Assessment	<a href="#">Biology</a> , <a href="#">Chemistry</a> and <a href="#">Physics</a>	Black pen and a spare Pencil, 30cm ruler Scientific Calculator
9am Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>English</b> Assessment	<a href="#">Focus on Critical Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</a>	Black pen and a spare

Scientific calculators are available from our Arbor school shop for £6.49 (shown at the bottom of the screen on your arbor app). Purchases can be collected from the Year 9 Office.

If your child needs support on “how to revise” the videos below offer effective guidance. The videos were produced for our GCSE students but the process is the same for all year groups.

**[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.

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](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

Yours faithfully

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