

Year 9 assessments, October 2026

Assessments will take place in your normal classrooms and will last approximately 40 minutes.

The timetable below shows you when each subject will be assessed.

For example, on Monday 19th October:

- *everyone will have a science assessment during lesson 2, in whichever room you would normally have for lesson 2. This will cover biology, chemistry and physics*
- *you will have an assessment in whichever subject you have in lesson 4. This will have a lesson code that starts '9A' (e.g. 9A/Bs1, business studies).*
- *Triple science students will sit their science paper with everyone else, not when block A or block D subjects have their assessment.*

On 21st October, if you have core PE timetabled in block E or block C you will still have your core PE lesson.

	Tutor	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 19 October			Science		Block A (not triple sci)	
Tuesday 20 October		English		Block B		
Wednesday 21 October		Block E (unless core PE)			Block C (unless core PE)	
Thursday 22 October			Block D (not triple sci)		Maths	
Friday 23 October	School closed for students (staff training day)					

The purpose of these assessments is to check what you have learned so far in each subject and to check that you are on the right courses. They will help us to identify which areas to plan further support for you. They also help you to build confidence in revising larger amounts of knowledge, and to develop the skills to do so. You have 4 weeks to prepare.

To help you succeed in your assessments:

- Your tutors will run a programme to help your revision, including how to organise yourself with a revision timetable.
- Your teachers will tell you which aspects of your course will be assessed. They will give you revision guidance and support.
- For the 4-week preparation time, your homework will be to revise.
- Teachers and LSAs will support those people who normally have extra time or the use of assistive technology (etc).

Independent revision is a habit which requires practice. To benefit from this process, we expect most students to revise **up to 2** hours per night during the 4-week preparation time.

These assessments are an important part of your learning process. Whilst they do not form part of the final GCSE or NCFE grade, they are a ‘stepping stone’ towards success in these courses and the assessments later in Year 9.

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