

Year 9 assessments series 2, April 2026 (version 2)

Assessments will take place in your normal classrooms and will last approximately 40 minutes. **You will also have an English exam on 1st May and a maths exam on 6th May, both in the sports hall.**

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

For example:

- everyone will have a physics assessment Wednesday 15th April lesson 3, in whichever science room you would normally be in for lesson 3.
- on Tuesday 14th April you will have an assessment in whichever subject you have in lesson 2. This will have a lesson code that starts '9A' (e.g. 9A/Bs1, business studies).
- On 21st and 22nd April, if you have core PE timetabled in block B or block F you will still have your core PE lesson.

	Tutor	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 13 April					Maths	
Tuesday 14 April			Block A		Block E	
Wednesday 15 April				Physics		
Thursday 16 April		Block D			Biology	
Friday 17 April			Block C (not triple science)			
Monday 20 April			Chemistry			
Tuesday 21 April		Block F (or core PE)				
Wednesday 22 April			Block B (or core PE)			

The purpose of these assessments is to help you consolidate what you have learned so far in each subject. This helps you to get the most out of Year 9 and helps us to identify which areas to plan further support for you. The assessments will begin to build your confidence in revising larger amounts of knowledge, and to develop the skills to do so. You have 4 school 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 and how to use revision strategies that will help you to remember and apply important knowledge.
- Your teachers will tell you which aspects of your course will be assessed. They will give you revision guidance and support.
- During 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). At this stage, access arrangements will be facilitated in classrooms.

If you are eligible for extra time in assessments, you will begin your assessments 10 minutes earlier than other students in the room. You will all finish at the same time. If you are given extra time, you will be asked to use a different coloured pen for the last 10 minutes of the assessment. This is so we can identify the benefits of this additional time.

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 your Year 10 assessments in October and then your more formal Year 10 exams (that will take place in the exam hall).

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