

Year 9 assessments, November 2025

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 24th November:

- *everyone will have a biology assessment lesson 2, in whichever science room you would normally be in for lesson 2.*
- *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).*

On 25th and 26th November, if you have core PE timetabled in block F or block B you will still have your core PE lesson.

	Tutor	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 24 November			Biology		Block A	
Tuesday 25 November		Block F		Block C (not triple science)		
Wednesday 26 November			Block B		Chemistry	
Thursday 27 November		Physics			Block E	
Friday 28 November			English			
Monday 1 December					Maths	
Tuesday 2 December		Block D				

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. Even though you have only just started your courses, 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:

- Mrs Burrows will give you an assembly on effective revision techniques.
- 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.
- 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).

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 second series of Year 9 assessments in April and then your more formal Year 10 exams (that will take place in the exam hall).

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