

November 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Year 9 will be sitting their first round of assessments next week (11th November 2024). The assessments are known as GL assessments and they are a computer based assessment that will provide us with a GCSE indicator grade. This will allow us to measure whether or not your child is making adequate progress in comparison to other students across the nation.

Your child will sit assessments in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science. The assessments will take on average approximately 1 hour and will be completed under strict exam conditions.

The grades from these assessments will be sent home to you so you will be able to discuss the results with your child. For example, if your child received a grade 3.2 this means they are working at a grade 3 and are 0.8 away from the next grade (a grade 4). I appreciate that the new way of measuring the GCSE performance may be unfamiliar to you and so I have included a conversion table below so you can see what the number grade is equivalent to in the old style lettering system.

OLD GRADES	NEW GRADES
A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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