

13th January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Assessment is a central process to teaching and learning at Church Stretton School. It is through regular assessment that we can find out whether students have learned what they have been taught, so that we can make appropriate adjustments to our planned teaching and learning activities. The tasks we set and the questions we ask are designed to elicit evidence to support a judgement about whether pupils know, understand and can do what we need them to. Tests and assessments can take place after a unit or topic of work and at varying points throughout the school year.

We launched the calendared Foundation Subject Examinations for Year 9 students last week in an assembly on Friday. These examinations will take place in the week of January 27th. Examinations in these particular subjects are designed to support students in making informed choices as part of the Pathways process where pupils choose their subjects for Year 10 and 11 (more will follow on Pathways later this term). This process of preparing for formal examinations in Key Stage 3 allows students to practise revision techniques for a longer sequence of work and prepares them for the situation that they will find themselves in at the end of Year 11. The range and content of the exam is proportional to the curriculum time afforded to that subject and the assessment will be based upon content taught throughout Key Stage 3. Revision is therefore essential.

In assembly, we introduced students to methods for how to plan effectively through revision and use of homework time. This assembly also has made students aware of the help and support available to them via teachers and online resources. To further support students in being best prepared for these examinations, we have created a 'revision' section of the school website where you and your child are able to access guidance and resources. A timetable has been included in this letter for you and your child's reference.

These Foundation Exams will cover subjects other than Core Subjects (Maths, English and Science). Core Subject Examinations are timetabled for later in the year, details will follow nearer the time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Dr Wood should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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