



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

13th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Assessment Week - 9th – 13th April 2018

I am writing to inform you of an important assessment week due to take place for Year 9 students at The Kings of Wessex Academy between 9th and 13th April 2018.

During this assessment week students will undertake assessments during their lessons on work covered so far in Year 9. Teachers are helping students to get ready for these assessments in class and will explain to students exactly what the assessments will cover and what they need to do to prepare. In tutor time students are studying effective ways of revising. It is important that students spend time at home preparing for these assessments as well, including over the Easter holiday.

I would be grateful if you could emphasise the importance of thorough preparation for assessment week. It is important that Year 9 students prepare themselves conscientiously for their assessments, which will give them an opportunity to practise the application of their knowledge on the work they have covered to date. These assessments will give us a good indication of students' progress as well as helping us to identify areas for improvement.

When revising at home students should work in a quiet area free from distractions such as mobile phones and television. It is important that revision is active and engages the brain. It is far more effective to create notes, mindmaps or flashcards than just to read through information. Revision in short bursts is most productive and helps the brain to take in information. We recommend working for 30 – 40 minutes and then taking a short break.

Lots of useful resources are available through Firefly. Other useful online revision resources recommended by teachers at Kings, include BBC Bitesize, Mr Bruff's Youtube channel for English, Corbett Maths, S-Cool, Tutor2U and Languages Online and Linguascope for French and German.

Feedback on performance in these assessments will be given in the Year 9 Grade Reports which will be available online in May. Should you have any further questions regarding these assessments please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Subject Leader(s) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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