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Dear Parents and carers

I am writing to inform you that Year 9 students will be sitting their subject examinations from Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October.

The CORE examinations will be taking place within the MAIN HALL as follows;

- Monday 12th October – 09.00am – English
- Monday 12th October – 2.00pm – Maths
- Tuesday 13th October – 9.00am -Science

Each subject will be providing students with revision lists and resources during this week to help them prepare effectively.

These exams play an important role in preparing students for their real GCSE examinations in their Year 11.

Sitting formal assessments now helps students to:

- Experience exam conditions in a calm, familiar environment
- Identify strengths and areas that need further development
- Build confidence in managing time, structuring answers and applying knowledge under pressure
- Receive meaningful feedback that will guide their revision over the coming months

Your support at home can make a significant difference. Some helpful ways to support your child include:

- Encouraging them to use the revision materials provided by each subject
- Helping them to plan a realistic revision timetable
- Providing a quiet space to study and limiting distractions where possible
- Checking in regularly to see how they are feeling about each subject
- Ensuring they get plenty of rest, especially the night before each exam

If you have any questions about these exams or your child's preparation, please do not hesitate to contact myself via J.Dale@lces.dhmat.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr J Dale
Assistant Headteacher