

January 2026

Year 9 Cycle 2 Assessments

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child upholds our core values of resilience, integrity, and courtesy to ensure our school is a place where everyone feels welcome, and everyone succeeds.

We are approaching Cycle 2 Assessments for Year 9. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **2 February and 12 February**. Assessments will mostly take place in classrooms this cycle under exam conditions, though Vocational assessments will be based on ongoing classwork unless advised otherwise by subject Teachers.

At Dixons McMillan, we use assessment to make inferences about student progress and to ensure that all students receive the support they need. Teachers will analyse students' performance in these assessments in order to plan the most effective interventions in class.

Students will receive their results in class, and you will receive a Cycle 2 Report in March with details of the percentage scored by your child, along with how these compare with the average year-group performance across the school.

Please can you help your child to prepare for these assessments by

- Providing them with a quiet space to revise
- Discussing their Cycle 2 assessments with them
- Guiding them to use their revision material and 100% folders
- Talking to them about their concerns or fears.

Please see overleaf for the schedule of assessments and the topics they will cover.

We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck and continue to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Murray
Vice Principal



Assessment Timetable:

- Your assessments will take place during week 7 and 8 (weeks commencing 2nd & 9th February).
- Please familiarise yourself with your assessment timetable. Most assessments will take place in your usual classroom, at the normal lesson time (assessments in shaded cells will take place in the Sports Hall).
- Only the classes listed will be sitting the assessment at that specific time.
- Highlight your class code to show you when you will be sitting each assessment.

Week A	Mon 2 Feb	Tue 3 Feb	Wed 4 Feb	Thu 5 Feb	Fri 6 Feb
MM					
P1	A Band History 9B/G1 (Ge)			A Band Geography 9B/Re1 & 9B/Re2 (Re)	
P2	A Band English P1 9B/G2 (Ge) 9B/Re3 (Re)		Vocational Lesson		
BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
P3	9B/En3 P1(En) 9B/Hi1 (Hi)		All English P2		A Band RE
P4		9B/Hi3 (Hi) 9B/En1 & 9B/En2 P1(En)		9B/G3 (Ge)	Spanish Writing Assessment in Lecture
LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
P5		A Band Science			
P6	B Band Science			All Maths	

Week B	Mon 9 Feb	Tue 10 Feb	Wed 11 Feb	Thu 12 Feb	Fri 13 Feb
MM					
P1		Spanish Listening and Reading in Lecture			
P2		9B/Hi2 (Hi)			
BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
P3					
P4					
LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
P5					
P6					



Subject	What should I revise?
English	Language analysis skills, structural analysis skills, and descriptive writing skills.
Maths	Types of Number, Indices, Fractions, Expanding and Factorising, Solving Equations, Standard Form, Averages, Linear Graphs.
Science	B1 Cell Biology, C1 Atomic structure & periodic Table P3 – Particle model of matter
Geography	Describing distribution, case studies (L'Aquila / Nepal) and knowing the primary and secondary effects of each. Knowing how earthquakes happen at different plate margins.
History	GCSE History 100% Sheet booklet: The Viking World (page 3), Scandinavian Homelands (page 4), Eastward Expansion (page 5)
Spanish	Free time, places in and activities in town. Past and Future tenses.
RE	Islamic Beliefs
Computing	E Safety –Staying safe online, Using Email, Cyber Bullying, Social Networking Computer Systems – Hardware, Storage, Component, Software, Binary, Networks
PE	This is a practical assessment
Art/DT/Drama/Sport/ Computing/ Health & Social Care	These subjects will be assessed based on some practical activities and a short, related written test.

