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Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 Foundation Examinations - w/b 23rd January 2023

The Foundation Examinations will take place w/b 23rd January which gives a clear fortnight before the exams start, this will ensure all students can see each of their subject teachers at least once before their exam. Mr Wise will launch the Foundation Examinations with Year 9 on the morning of Tuesday 10th January via an assembly during which he will explain the importance of revision. The exams will allow you and your child to see where their strengths lie in the Foundation subjects as they begin to think about their GCSE pathways choices, this process will start later this term. The Foundation Examinations are an important indicator of progress made by students and although there will be preparation taking place in lessons, the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with revision at home.

If your child is ill during the Foundation Examination period, please phone the school office to report their absence in the usual way. We will re-arrange any missed exams for students who are too ill to attend. I would like to reiterate the importance of thorough preparation for these examinations. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. Please encourage them to use this along with the other signposted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject.

During his revision assembly Mr Wise will explain to Year 9 how to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the topics covered by the exams, a blank revision planner and the exams timetable. A copy of the exam timetable and the topics covered in each subject exam are included at the end of this letter and they have both been shared with students via Go4Schools and their email accounts.

Yours sincerely,
Mr D Bird
Assistant Headteacher