Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form College

Headteacher: Mr P. Woods

13/01/2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Year 9 examinations and assessments

Year 9 will have examinations and assessments in all subjects in the week beginning 20th January 2020. Students will be sitting exams and doing assessments based upon work they have been doing over the last term and may also include skills and knowledge from prior learning. All departments will provide clear guidance to students as to what to revise in preparation for these exams. Students are expected to revise all these topics and units in preparation for these examinations and assessments, in support of this they will be issued with a list of topics to revise from their subject teacher.

Recent government reforms mean that examinations are now linear, meaning that all testing takes place at the end of the course. It is therefore important that students experience full mock examinations to prepare them for the demands of the exams that will take place during their GCSEs. Results from these assessments will inform students and teachers of the work that needs to take place for the rest of year to ensure students meet their full potential and will facilitate conversations at parents' evening about options choices which will be coming up in March.

As parents you can support us, and more importantly your child, by assisting them to organise themselves in the run up to these examinations. Please ask you child to show you their revision timetable. Discuss with them how they intend on balancing the demands of all of their subjects as well as any outside commitments they may have.

Below are some useful sources of advice on how parents can further support their children during periods of examination:

https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/

If you have concerns during the revision or examination period please feel free to contact their form tutor.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nick O'Brien

Deputy Headteacher