

Year 9 Parent Notes

In assembly this week students were made aware that during w/c Monday 4 December, many subjects will be running assessments in class. These are to help inform both teachers and students about their performance in subjects and therefore their suitability to choose it as an option for GCSE.

Students were encouraged to try a range of different revision techniques to find out what works best for them. Common strategies such as cue cards, post it notes and mind maps were discussed, but three popular websites were also shared with them, which we recommend students try to make revision a more engaging exercise.

Kahoot! is a quiz based revision method, where students can play individually or against others: www.kahoot.com

Memrise is extremely helpful for helping students to remember key words and phrases via repetition in a fun way: www.memrise.com/

S-Cool has GCSE level revision for a large number of subjects with revision guides, question banks and a revision timetable maker. There is also some good careers advice on the site: www.s-cool.co.uk/

This week congratulations are due to several Year 9 students for the fantastic work they are doing. In this fortnight's prize draw Georgia Wantling, Georgina Roberts and Megan Lawrence were picked for having 100% attendance, zero behaviour points and 10 or more achievement points – well done!

We also want to congratulate Ben Hasler, Beth Southwell and Olivia White for taking part in Rotary Young Chef. It is unusual for students in Year 9 to enter this event and they all did brilliantly well, with fantastic feedback from the judges.

Finally, a reminder that the next guest speaker for Future Friday on Friday 1 December will be Nick Peters, discussing career options in agriculture – a fantastic job prospect with our growing population. If your son/daughter is interested in attending this talk, please ask them to sign up via their tutor.

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