



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian

Our Ref: AGN/LK/Year 9 Assessments

11th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Assessments – English, Mathematics and Science Progress Tests

As part of our assessment programme Year 9 students will sit a series of short progress tests in English, Mathematics and Science commencing on the 23rd June 2025 once the year group have moved to the Upper School site. The purpose of the tests is to [gather](#) information to support students' progress in preparation for the new academic year 2025/26, which includes:

- Future curriculum planning and sequencing
- Adjustments to teaching, learning and assessments
- KS4 target setting
- To help identify any additional support individual students may need.

The Progress Test in Science measures students' knowledge and understanding of science, as well as their application of this knowledge and understanding. Their ability to work scientifically is also assessed. The Progress Test in English measures students' knowledge, understanding and application of technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts. The Progress Test in Maths measures students' mathematical skills and knowledge in areas such as number, shape, data handling and algebra, as well as their mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

The tests will take place on computers and will be conducted in tutor groups. Each tutor group will be allocated to a computer suite and a time slot in which they will complete the assessment. The exams team will be writing home with the final details including the date, time and location of each sitting. Tutors and subject teachers will assist students in identifying and noting when and where their exams are being held, and what equipment they will need to have with them.

In preparation for these assessments students will:

- Receive a dedicated assembly to help students understand the purpose and format of the tests, which will include an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have.
- Preparation time will take place during Tutorial, offering guidance to ensure that students feel confident and well-prepared.
- Subject preparation in lesson time from their class teacher and guidance on what preparation, if at all, is recommended outside of lessons.

We appreciate that students will want to perform to the best of their abilities and prepare very thoroughly. It is important that the approach to any assessment is planned and carefully balance with self-care. Our website offers some helpful [tips and advice](#) on how students can approach preparations as well as how parents can support their child at home.

Once the assessments have been carried out a summary will be reported home, along with support on how to interpret the information and what it means for your child.

Yours faithfully

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