



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

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Our Ref: STE/LK

17th June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 9 Progress Tests

As part of our assessment programme, Year 9 students will complete a series of short progress tests in English, Mathematics and Science. These will begin on **Wednesday 1st July 2026**, once students have moved to the Upper School site.

These are externally developed, standardised assessments designed to give a broad and reliable picture of students' attainment and progress. The purpose of these assessments is to gather information that will support students as they prepare for the 2026/27 academic year. This information will be used to:

- Inform future curriculum planning and sequencing
- Support adjustments to teaching, learning and assessment
- Contribute to Key Stage 4 target setting
- Help identify any additional support individual students may need

The subject specific focus of the tests is as follows:

- **English - Wednesday 1st July 2026 P1/2:** This test measures students' knowledge, understanding and application of technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts.
- **Mathematics - Thursday 2nd July 2026 P1/2:** This test measures students' mathematical skills and knowledge in areas such as numbers, shapes, data handling and algebra, as well as their mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills.
- **Science - Friday 3rd July 2026 P3/4:** This test 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 tests will be completed on computers or iPads, with each tutor group allocated a specific room for all three assessments. Final details, including locations, will be shared during assembly upon arrival at Upper School and via the Teams Classroom. The only equipment required is a pen. As these are computer-based assessments, a set of headphones will be provided. However, individuals may bring their own wired headphones with an audio jack connector if preferred.

We encourage students to approach these assessments positively and to prepare in a balanced way that supports their wellbeing. Our school website includes helpful tips and advice on revision and ways parents can support their child at home.

Following the assessments, a summary of results will be shared with you, along with guidance to help you interpret the information and understand what it means for your child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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