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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, once Year 9 students return to school after the May half-term break, they will begin their **Year 9 examinations**.

The first exam, **Science**, will take place on **Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 9:00am**, with the final exam scheduled for **Thursday 25 June 2026 at 11:15am**. Throughout June, students will sit examinations in English, Maths, Science, and their chosen GCSE subjects.

These exams are an important part of your child's education and play a key role in preparing them for their GCSEs. We want all students to perform to the best of their ability. Success in these exams can help to build confidence and support their ongoing development.

The results will also enable teaching staff to identify any gaps in knowledge, allowing key topics to be revisited where necessary.

We encourage students to use the half-term break to revise and prepare for their exams. Some effective revision strategies include:

- **Little and often revision** (short, focused sessions rather than long cramming)
- **Using flashcards and self-quizzing** to check knowledge
- **Creating mind maps** to link key ideas
- **Practising past paper questions** or exam-style tasks
- **Explaining topics aloud** to someone else to deepen understanding

At the same time, it is important that students look after their wellbeing. To help them relax and recharge, we recommend:

- **Taking regular breaks** between study sessions
- **Getting enough sleep** each night
- **Spending time outdoors or being active**
- **Limiting screen time, particularly before bed**
- **Engaging in hobbies or spending time with family and friends**

All Year 9 students should have received their exam timetable, candidate number and details of exam locations. If your child does not have this information, they will be directed to the correct venue at the appropriate time. Should they have any questions or require support, they should visit Student Services.

Thank you for your continued support of Ken Stimpson Academy.

Kind Regards



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Year 9 Head of Year

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