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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to begin by commending the vast majority of our Year 9 pupils upon their progress this year. Autumn reports showed that most pupils were building upon their successes in year 8 and showing a positive attitude to learning in lessons.

In the Spring term, we prepare to formally assess pupils once again, so that we can continue to monitor and support their academic development. On the attached pages we give a broad outline of the assessments your child can expect in each subject area.

This important process, of pausing to assess where pupils are in their learning journey and reporting these results to you, continues throughout the year. We have, again, provided a Year 9 Assessment and Reporting Calendar to remind you of our schedule and the important assessment events to look out for.

On the Year 9 Assessment and Reporting Calendar, key events and terms are:

- Assessment Fortnight – the 2-week period in which pupils undertake class-based assessments in most subjects. (On occasion, some assessments fall just outside the fortnight.) This measures how well pupils remember and understand the work covered over a number of weeks. It is important for pupils to learn to prepare for these assessments and teachers will provide guidance on how to do this.
- KS3 Achievement Panel - the panel of subject leaders who meet once per term in school to consider the progress of pupils in setted subjects across years 7 to 9. Pupils are setted in: English; mathematics, science, humanities, languages and RE. In a very small number of cases, the panel may decide that a pupil needs to move set and parents will be informed if this is the case.
- Progress reports- these are sent to pupils and parents/carers to indicate attitudes to learning and standards of attainment in all subjects.
- Curriculum and Progress Evening – this event allows parents/carers to meet with their child's teachers face to face to discuss attitudes to learning and standards of attainment in all subjects. It also allows us to meet with Year 9 pupils and their parents/carers to look ahead to the KS4 Curriculum and the choice of optional subjects

I hope that you find this information useful and, on behalf of the staff at Blessed Trinity, will conclude by saying how much we look forward to continuing our work with you each academic year, to ensure that your child is happy and successful at school.

Kind regards



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Assistant Headteacher