



**John Kendall**  
**Head Teacher**  
**Prifathro**

**OUR COMMUNITY,  
OUR SCHOOL**  
...making the difference

**EIN CYMUNED,  
EIN HYSGOL**  
...yn gwneud  
gwahaniaeth

**Risca Community Comprehensive  
School,**  
Risca Community Campus,  
Pontymason Lane,  
RISCA,  
South Wales NP11 6YY  
Tel: 01633 612425  
risca@caerphilly.gov.uk

**Ysgol Gyfun Gymunedol Rhisga,**  
Campws Cymunedol Rhisga,  
Lôn Pontymason,  
RHISGA,  
De Cymru NP11 6YY  
Ffôn: 01633 612425  
rhisga@caerffili.gov.uk

Thursday, 15 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 9 Assessments (Exams) Week**

Assessment is a central process at Risca Community Comprehensive School. It is through assessment that we can find out whether pupils have learned what they have been taught, so that we can make appropriate adjustments to our teaching.

The tasks and questions we set elicit the right evidence so we can judge whether pupils know, understand and can do what we want them to. Tests and assessments can take place after a unit or topic of work at varying points throughout the school year.

We also have separate Exam Weeks for Years 7-10 in order to prepare them for the external exams they sit for GCSEs. This allows pupils to practise revision techniques for a longer sequence of work and prepares them for the situation that they will find themselves in at the end of year 11. The range and content of the exam is in proportion to the curriculum time afforded to that subject.

Year 9 exams are timetabled for the week beginning 2nd November and will run until 6th November and will cover all subjects. Please find a copy of the Year 9 Exams Timetable [here](#).

All exams will be held in the home rooms and will be overseen by class teachers. Pupils are responsible for bringing the correct equipment for exams and are advised to check what they need in advance with their subject teachers.

Pupils should approach these exams with a determination to do their best and, therefore, prepare thoroughly. Each pupil's exam result will indicate overall attainment and illustrate how well a pupil is achieving compared to the targets set. During the next few weeks pupils would be well advised to do some revision towards these exams and therefore to act upon the advice and guidance given to them by their subject teachers in recent lessons.

Please support us in ensuring your child is fully prepared for these exams. As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

*J L Coombes*

**James Coombes**  
**Pennaeth Cynorthwyol /Assistant Headteacher**