

16th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know Year 9 is a pivotal year in the education of our young people, and we thank you for continuously supporting their hard work and praising their effort in school.

After the Christmas break, students will be sitting their Year 9 Exams. The examination period will run from the 12th-23rd January. (A timetable follows this letter.)

Although there will be some opportunity to revise in lessons, we strongly recommend your child complete some revision for these topics over the Christmas break. A topic list follows to outline what topics are being examined in each subject. Subject teachers have also uploaded a number of resources to Satchel One or our school website to support your child's revision. Our website also contains some helpful guides on how to revise effectively and how you can support your child in doing so.

<https://www.theappletonschool.org/students/revision-resources>

<https://www.satchelone.com/v7/login/theappletonschool>

These examinations are particularly important as they may influence GCSE option decisions and the student setting for Year 10. We wish our students every success during their exam period.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards



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Year 9 Subject Revision List

Science Topic List

- Biology: Cells
- Chemistry: Particle Model and State Change
- Physics: Forces and Motion

Maths Topic List

- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Percentage change
- Theoretical and Experimental Probability
- Calculations with Standard Form
- Linear Inequalities
- Factorising and Solving Quadratic Equations
- Re-arranging Formulae
- Constructions bisectors and perpendicular lines
- Circles and Cylinders

English Topic List

Imaginative Writing: Pupils will be given an image prompt and asked to produce an engaging narrative or description.

Geography Topic List

- The geography of Africa
- The role glaciers have in shaping landscapes
- Map Skills

History Topic List

Civil Rights (Everything studied since September) This includes;

- Key figures- eg Martin Luther King, Malcolm X
- Definitions- eg segregation, discrimination
- Key events- specific examples of protests
- Impact / change- laws that were passed, outcome of protests
- Reactions to protests- positive and negative responses

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German Topic List

T-bands

- Holidays
- Towns

A and N-bands

- Numbers
- Personal Descriptions
- Favourite Things

Music: Exams take place End of Term, no music exam in this period.

French Topic List

- Likes and dislikes using opinion phrases
- After school clubs and activities
- Describing yourself and your friends
- Describing birthday celebrations – what you did and what you wore – higher sets to use past tense

Business Studies Topic List

- Sole Traders
- Partnerships
- Organisational Structures
- Functional Areas

Computer Science Topic List

- Understanding Computers
- Computer Crime and Cyber Security
- AI and Machine Learning
- Spreadsheet Design

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Year 9 PPE Examination Timetable – 12-23 January 2026

PERIOD	CLASS	SUBJECT	EXAM/ASSESSMENT TITLE
Monday 12 January 2026 (Week A)			
P1	9T1	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
P2	9T1-3, 9N1-3	Science	Biology - cells, Chemistry – particle model and state change Physics – forces & motion Observational drawing
	9A	Art	
P3	9A	English	Creative Writing KS3 Review
	9N1-3	Computer Science	
P4	9T, 9N	English	Creative Writing
	9A1-3	Science	Biology - cells, Chemistry – particle model and state change Physics – forces & motion
P5	9A3	Computer Science	KS3 Review
Tuesday 13 January 2026			
P1	9A1-3	Geography	Africa and ice
	9T1-3	Maths	Term 1 Assessment
P2	9A2	Computer Science	KS3 Review
	9A1	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
	9T	Art	Observational drawing
P3	9T1-3	Geography	Africa and ice
	9A1-3 &	Maths	Term 1 Assessment
	9N1-3		
P5	9T3	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
Wednesday 14 January 2026			

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P1	9N1-3	RS	Beliefs about life
P4	9N1-3	History	Civil Rights Movement: knowledge test and interpretation question
P5	9T2 9T3 9N2	Computer Science Business Studies French	KS3 Review Business Studies January Mock Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
Thursday 15 January 2026			
P2	9T1-3 9N1-3 9A3	RS Geography French	Beliefs about life Africa and ice Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
P5	9N1	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
Friday 16 January 2026			
P2	9N1-3	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
P3	9T2 9T1&3 9A1-3	German Computer Science RS	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment KS3 Review Beliefs about life
P4	9T3	German	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment

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Monday 19 January 2026 (Week B)			
P1	9T1	German	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
	9A1-3	History	Civil Rights Movement: knowledge test and interpretation question
P4	9T1-3	History	Civil Rights Movement: knowledge test and interpretation question
P5	9A3 & 9N2	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
Tuesday 20 January 2026			
P1	9N	Art	Observational drawing
P2	9A1	Computer Science	KS3 Review
Wednesday 21 January 2026			
P3	9T2	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
P5	9A1	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment

Thursday 22 January 2026			
P2	9N3	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
	9T2	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
Friday 23 January 2026			
P1	9N1	German	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
P2	9A1	German	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
	9A2	Business Studies	Business Studies January Mock
P3	9T1	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment
P4	9A2	French	Unit 1 Listening & Reading Assessment

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EXAM NOTES:

Before your exam:

- **Highlight** all those examinations that apply to you.
- Plan your time well, do some revision and see your teachers now if you have any concerns.

During your exam:

- Sit down quickly and quietly.
- Listen to the instructions you are given.
- Do not look around or speak to anyone and put your hand up if you need anything.
- Read the questions carefully and attempt every question.

Try your best and strive to reach your full potential.

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