



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, our Year 9 students will soon be sitting their **end-of-year internal examinations**, known at HGS as the "**Finals**." These exams provide an important update for students and parents on **progress during their first year of GCSE study**. The results will be shared as part of the end-of-year report and will be presented using the **GCSE grading system (9–1)**.

While the grades are important, we encourage students to see these exams as a **learning opportunity**. Every assessment throughout the year helps them identify what they understand well and where there are gaps in their knowledge. This process allows them to reflect, seek guidance, and continue improving as they move forward in their studies.

The Year 9 Finals will begin on **Monday 2nd June** and will take place over the course of that week. It will be a **busy and focused period** for students, as all exams are scheduled within that timeframe. The exams will be held in **regular classrooms**, and students will continue to follow their normal timetable. For example, although the **English Language Final** is scheduled for **Monday Period 1**, students will still attend their usual option lesson during that time.

Please take a moment to go through the attached **exam timetable** with your child. Each column corresponds to a class group, and the exams are clearly marked in **red** beneath the relevant periods.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 9 students the very best of luck in their Finals. They have shown great commitment throughout the year and continue to be a real credit to the school and its proud 127-year history

Yours faithfully,

Mr Richard Tipler

Deputy Headteacher