



March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are approaching the end of the first term, I would like to share with you important information about the Year 9 exams.

Exams will run from 13.04.2026 – 24.04.2026, please see the attached timetable for each teaching group. Maths Paper 1 will be a non-calculator paper, Maths Paper 2 a calculator paper. For English Paper 1, students will be given a text to read and questions will be based on this text. For English Paper 2, students will be asked to write a story based on a theme that will be given in the paper.

This is an ideal time for us to formally assess students on what they have studied in terms 1 and 2 and ensure support is provided to students in their transition to Key Stage 4. The outcome of the exams will also count towards the initial setting in Year 10 where relevant.

These exams will be taken in normal lessons under formal exam conditions. This is to provide the opportunity for students to become acquainted with the rules and expectations of public exams.

Students will be preparing for these exams in lessons, during tutor time but also during regular, independent study time at home. Students are encouraged to incorporate a revision timetable into their homework timetable.

In terms of revision materials, I suggest the following:

- Mathswatch
- Reading a range of books and newspaper articles for English
- BBC Bitesize website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>).

Please note that students will not be provided with specific topic revision lists. Students are tested on all the topics studied between September 2025 and March 2026. A copy of the curriculum map and learning journey for each subject, which list all topics studied and in which order, is available on our website: <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/subjects/>.

Results of these exams will be formally shared in the Progress Update 3 report at the end of the academic year, although teachers will share results with students prior to this in lessons, once all exams for a subject have been marked and moderated.

We recognise that the exam period can be worrying and stressful for students and your child's wellbeing is our main priority. Please contact your child's tutor or year team if you have any concerns.

I hope these exams will be a valuable experience for your child and I wish them every success.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Persand
Deputy Headteacher

YEAR 9 CORE EXAMS TIMETABLE 2026 ALL CLASSES

9x1	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1								English Paper 2		
2										
3			English Paper 1							
4				Biology		Maths Paper 2				
5	Maths Paper 1						Chemistry		Physics	
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

9x2	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1										
2								Chemistry		Physics
3		English Paper 1			Biology		English Paper 2			
4						Maths Paper 2				
5	Maths Paper 1									
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

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9x3

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1		English Paper 1		Biology						
2										
3										
4						Maths Paper 2			Physics	
5	Maths Paper 1						English Paper 2	Chemistry		
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

9y1

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1										
2				Biology		Maths Paper 2				
3										
4	Maths Paper 1						English Paper 2	Chemistry		Physics
5			English Paper 1							
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

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9y2

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1				Biology			English Paper 2			
2						Maths Paper 2				
3			English Paper 1							
4	Maths Paper 1				Chemistry					
5									Physics	
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

9y3

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1							English Paper 2			
2						Maths Paper 2			Physics	
3			English Paper 1					Chemistry		
4	Maths Paper 1				Biology					
5										
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

9z1

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1			Biology					English Paper 2		
2	Maths Paper 1									
3										
4		English Paper 1					Maths Paper 2		Physics	
5				Chemistry						
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

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9z2

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1										
2	Maths Paper 1			English Paper 1		English Paper 2		Chemistry		
3										
4		Biology					Maths Paper 2		Physics	
5										
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

9z3

	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1									Physics	
2	Maths Paper 1					English Paper 2		Chemistry		
3										
4							Maths Paper 2			
5		Biology	English Paper 1							
	13.4.26	14.4.26	15.4.26	16.4.26	17.4.26	20.4.26	21.4.26	22.4.26	23.4.26	24.4.26

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