



## **Controlled Assessments and Functional Skills**

### **Year 9**

**2011/2012**

#### **Science**

- Year 9 have an end of Key stage three exam in January 2012. These are important as they will help to form the final level for each student at the end of June 2012.
- The main school are sitting their tests on Tuesday, 3 January 2012 and Tuesday, 10 January 2012 in the old gymnasium.
- Yavneh Girls will sit their tests Tuesday, 3 January 2012 and Tuesday 10th January 2012 in their own school hall.
- Yavneh Boys will sit their tests on Wednesday, 4 January 2012 and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The venue is to be confirmed nearer the time.

#### **English**

- Students will take the Functional Skills examination which will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

#### **Maths**

- Students will take the Functional Skills examination on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

#### **ICT**

- Sets one, two and Yavneh Boys are following the AQA GCSE ICT programme. They are studying for unit two (controlled assessment), which will be finished by the end of the academic year 2012. Most of the lessons for this year are controlled assessment and preparation. There is also a coursework club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to enable pupils to continue their controlled assessment work under controlled conditions, but in their own time. There is no time restraint to this unit.
- Sets three and four are following the OCR Nationals ICT level 2. All work is coursework based but not under controlled assessment conditions. The moderator comes in school twice a year and work is assessed on the second visit. Only completed work that should pass will be presented (if we feel that there is room for improvement, it will not be submitted). Only if the pupil has indicated that he/she will continue into year 10 would we submit work later.

## **French**

- Sets one and two are doing foundation GCSE in one year.
  - Speaking assessment 1 will be held week beginning January 9, 2012
  - Speaking assessment 2 will be held April 17, 2012
  - writing assessment 1 will be held October 24, 2012
  - writing assessment 2 will be held February 20, 2012
- Sets three, four, five and Yavneh Boys are studying for the French FCSE.
  - Pupils study three topic areas throughout the year. At the end of each topic they sit a speaking, reading, listening and writing assessment.
  - The first assessments take place November 2011, the second set of assessments at the end of February 2012 and the third set of assessments take place May 2012.

### **What are functional skills?**

Functional skills are those core elements of English, mathematics and ICT that provide individuals with the skills and abilities they need to operate confidently, effectively and independently in life, their communities and work.

The functional skills standards are embedded in the revised programmes of study for English, mathematics and ICT. However, functionality within the curriculum is not limited to these subjects. The curriculum opportunities in the programmes of study for all subjects encourage working beyond the school and making links with other subjects and many key processes have the potential for functional skills development.