



GLOUCESTER
ACADEMY

2nd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Assessments 23 November – 4 December 2020: Year 10

Welcome back to Term 2 at Gloucester Academy we hope that you were able to spend some time with your family over the holidays.

This term we have our first assessment cycle which will mean that your child will be sitting a series of assessments so they are able to demonstrate their learning over the previous 12 weeks. These assessments will take place in their usual lessons between the 23rd November and 4th December 2020 and you will notice there are no words in the Knowledge Organiser for these weeks (Weeks 11 and 12).

What homework do they do for weeks 11 and 12?

During weeks 11 and 12 (23 November to 4th December 2020) your child's orange practice book will be used to practice any definitions from the previous 10 weeks that they do not know. The rest of the letter will explain why this is so important.

What will they need to learn for the assessments?

Your child will have two types of assessment:

KIP assessment:

They will be given a list of definitions and they will be asked to write next to each definition the keyword that it is describing. There are 50 keywords for each subject and they will be tested over the two weeks according to the timetable I have written below. The keywords are the ones in the Knowledge Organisers, ones they have been practicing for homework and learning about in lessons.

Knowledge Exam:

This assessment will be an exam style assessment for all GCSE subjects and for those vocational subjects that are preparing for an exam in the next few months. The exam will be taken in class and will be marked by the teacher.

How can you help your child?

You can help prepare your child for these assessments by talking through the keywords and testing them on them using the Knowledge Organiser. Your child could also make some revision cards to learn the words and information they need. Students will be shown how to make revision resources in school and a video will be posted on the website to help. You could use these to help your child learn the words and key facts they are trying to remember.

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We understand that households can be very busy and you may not have time to test your child and if this is the case we just ask that you support your child by checking they understand what it is they need to learn and they have the space to do this.

How will you know how well they do in each assessment?

KIP assessment:

Your child's assessment will be marked immediately and the percentage of words they get correct will be recorded by their teacher. Students with additional needs will have had the support they need to complete the test so they are not at a disadvantage.

A report will then be sent home to you to explain how well your child has done in each subject compared to the year group and how well they are doing overall. The report will also explain how much progress your child has made in each subject which is the main focus of the assessments.

Knowledge Exam:

The report will also have information about the grade that your child achieved in their exam style assessment which will give an indication on how well they are doing. Teachers will be able to give more specific feedback to your child so they know which areas they need to focus on for further revision

What will the school do with the assessment scores?

Once we have all the assessment information we will reset the classes to ensure the right students are obtaining the right support to progress even further as they enter the second twelve weeks of the school year. You and your child will be told of any class movements and a conversation will be had with the Head of Year if there are any concerns. Please note that your child will not be moved into a different option group any changes will only affect Maths, English and Science.

The dates for each assessment that your child will sit are on the next page of the letter and have been designed so you can easily display them in the house.

If your child misses an assessment they will have to take it at a later date.

If you have any questions around assessments at all please contact either myself (details at the bottom the letter) or Mr J Watson using the email jwatson@Gloucesteracademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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Year 10	Week 11 (week beginning 23rd November (B))					Week 12 (week beginning 30th November (A))				
Subject	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	30-Nov	01-Dec	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec
Science						10L and 10U Science Exam	10G, 10C and 10O Science KIP assessment	10G, 10C and 10O Science Exam		10L and 10U Science KIP assessment
Maths									All maths groups Exam	
English		All English groups KIP assessments								All English groups Exam
Geography			10D Geography Exam	10B Geography Exam	10B KIP assessment 10A Geography	10A KIP assessment	10D KIP assessment			
History			10D History KIP assessment	10B History KIP assessment	10A History KIP assessment 10B History Exam	10A History Exam	10D History Exam	10C History KIP assessment	10C History Exam	
Spanish					10A Spanish KIP assessment				10A Spanish Exam	
French						10A French KIP assessment			10A French Exam	
Engineering										Engineering KIP assessment
Construction								Construction KIP assessment		
Rs		10L RS KIP assessment	10L RS Exam 10U RS KIP assessment	10G, 10C, 10O RS KIP assessment	10U RS Exam	10C, 10G, 10O RS Exam				
HSC							10C Health KIP assessment	10B Health KIP assessment		
Art						10A Art KIP assessment	10C, 10D Art KIP assessment	10B Art KIP assessment		
Music	10D Music Exam						10D Music KIP assessment			
Hospitality and Catering						10A KIP assessment	10D, 10C KIP assessment		10C, 10A Catering Exam	10D Catering Exam
Sport			10C, 10D Sport KIP assessment	10B Sport KIP assessment			10C Sport Exam	10B Sport Exam		10D Sport Exam