



GLOUCESTER  
ACADEMY

2 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Assessments 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 – 4 December 2020 Year 11**

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 second assessment cycle for Year 11 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 and over the last year. Most of these assessments will take place in their usual lessons between the 23 November and 4 December 2020 but Year 11 will also be completing a number of the mock exams in the exam hall for English, Maths and Science.

### **What will they need to learn for the assessments?**

Your child will have two types of assessments

#### **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 below. The keywords are the ones in the Knowledge Organisers, ones they have been practicing for homework and learning about in lessons.

#### **Mock 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 Maths students will complete all three Maths papers. Science will complete all three paper 1's which covers work completed prior to Year 11 and English - they will cover some English Language and some English Literature other GCSE subjects will ensure students sit partial papers.

These exams will give a good indication of gaps our students have in their knowledge and set off a series of interventions that will ensure every success in the actual exams.

### **When are the actual GCSE exams?**

The Department for Education has confirmed that most GCSE exams will take place three weeks later than usual in 2021, to give pupils more time to prepare.

The Department have announced that one English and one maths GCSE exam will still take place before May half term with all other exams starting after 7 June 2020, continuing until 2 July 2020. Results day will be the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Our students will stay in school fulltime until the day they finish their last exam to ensure they get all the support they need.

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### **How can you help your child?**

You can help prepare your child for these assessments by talking through the keywords and testing them using the Knowledge Organiser

Your child could also make some revision cards to learn the words and information they need. Students have been 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. 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](mailto:jwatson@gloucesteracademy.co.uk)

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| Year 11                     | Week 11 (week beginning 23rd November (B) )                |   |  |  | Week 12 (week beginning 30th November (A))                  |  |  |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Subject                     | 24-Nov   | 25-Nov                                  | 26-Nov   | 27-Nov   | 30-Nov  | 01-Dec                                     | 02-Dec   | 03-Dec   | 04-Dec  |
| Science                     | Science Biology 1<br>1hr 15<br>8.45 -10.05<br>EXAM HALL    | All science KIP<br>assessments          | Science Chemistry 1<br>1hr 15<br>8.45 - 10.05<br>EXAM HALL |  |   |  | Science Physics 1<br>1hr 15 mins<br>13.20 - 15.05<br>EXAM HALL |  |   |
| Maths                       | Maths Paper 1<br>1hr 30 mins<br>11.20 - 13.05<br>EXAM HALL |   |  |  |   |  |  | Maths paper 2<br>1hr 30 mins<br>11.20 - 13.10<br>EXAM HALL | Maths paper 3<br>1hr 30 mins<br>9.10 - 11.00<br>EXAM HALL |
| English                     |  |   |  | English language<br>1hr 45 mins<br>8.45 - 11.00<br>EXAM HALL | English Literature<br>50 mins<br>10.05 - 11.00<br>EXAM HALL |  |  | All English KIP<br>assessments                             |   |
| Geography                   |  |   |  |  | 11A Geography KIP<br>assessment                             | 11A Geography<br>Exam<br>(1hour 30 mins)   | 11D Geography<br>KIP assessment                                | 11D Geography<br>Exam<br>(1hour 30 mins)                   | 11D, 11A<br>Geography Exam 2<br>(1hour 30 mins)           |
| History                     |  |   | 11B History KIP<br>assessments                             | 11D, 11A History KIP<br>assessments                          |   | 11A, 11B<br>History Exam<br>Paper 1 (1 hr) | 11B: History<br>Exam Paper 2<br>(1 hr)                         | 11D: History Exam<br>Paper 1 (1 hr)                        | 11D,11A: History<br>Exam<br>Paper 2 (1 hr)                |
| Spanish                     |  |   |  |  | 11A Spanish KIP<br>assessment                               | 11A Spanish<br>Exam                        | 11D Spanish KIP<br>assessment                                  | 11D Spanish Exam   |   |
| French                      |  |   |  |  |   |  | 11D French KIP<br>assessment                                   | 11D French Exam  |   |
| Engineering                 |  |   | Engineering KIP<br>assessment                              |  | Engineering Exam  |  |  |  |   |
| Construction                |  | Construction<br>KIP assessment          |  |  |   | Construction<br>Exam                       |  |  |   |
| HSC                         |  |   |  |  |   | 11B Health KIP<br>assessment               | 11B Health Exam  |  |   |
| Art                         |  |   |  | 11A Art KIP<br>assessment                                    | 11C Art KIP<br>assessment                                   | 11B Art KIP<br>assessment                  |  |  |   |
| Music                       |  | 11B Music KIP<br>assessment             |  | 11A Music KIP<br>assessment                                  |   |  |  |  |   |
| Hospitality<br>and Catering | 11A Catering KIP<br>assessment                             | 11B , 11C<br>Catering KIP<br>assessment |  |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| Sport                       |  | Sport KIP<br>assessment                 |  |  |   |  |  | Sport Exam   |   |
| Drama                       |  |   | Drama KIP<br>assessment                                    | Drama Exam 3:05 -<br>4:05                                    |   |  |  |  |   |
| Business                    |  |   |  |  |   | 11B Business<br>KIP assessment             | 11B, 11C<br>Business Exam                                      | 11C Business KIP<br>assessment                             |   |