



GLOUCESTER
ACADEMY

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Class of 2024 – Year 9

Unit 1 Assessment and Celebration Fortnight 29th November - 10th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to share with you your child's Assessment and Celebration timetable which starts from Monday 29th November 2021. The first assessment cycle of this academic year is fast approaching and as such your child will sit a series of assessments allowing them to demonstrate their learning over this unit. These assessments are called KIP assessments. KIP stands for 'Knowledge is Power'. The knowledge has been carefully selected by subject specialists and will enable students to access the highest-level content in their subject areas. These assessments will take place in their usual lessons between the 29th November and 10th December 2021.

Celebration

Furthermore, this year we now have celebrations and House competitions taking place in the Assessment and Celebration fortnight. More information on which can be found below and in the timetable at the bottom of the letter. Please find answers to some potential questions below. We are extremely excited to welcome as many parents as possible in to see what your children have been learning in enrichment.

What will they need to learn for the assessments?

The assessments link directly to the work completed for homework and in class. Your child will be given a list of definitions and they will be asked to write next to each definition the keyword that it is describing. These are all the words from the Knowledge Organisers that students have been memorising for homeworks and using in lessons. Since we are in the first part of the assessment cycle, students will be assessed as follows:

- Subjects with 10 weeks of information in the Knowledge Organisers will have 50 definitions in their assessment
- All other subjects will have 20 definitions in their assessment

Students will be tested over the fortnight on each subject according to the timetable written below.

How can I help my child?

You can help prepare your child for these assessments by quizzing them. Simply find the subject they would like to revise in the knowledge organiser, then read the definition to your child and ask them to say what the key word is. For example, you would say to your child:

'This is a device for measuring the atmospheric pressure of a place'

Hopefully your child will remember the keyword is 'Barometer' and you could tick it in their Knowledge Organiser, it is as simple as that. If they cannot remember, simply tell them the correct answer, then quiz them on it again later.

Please remember there is a video in the "Students" section of the school website demonstrating

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how students should be memorising this information when they do their homework. It would be worth rewatching this to aid revision.

How will you know how well they do in each 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. If your child misses an assessment they will have to take it at a later date.

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 next thirteen weeks of the school year. You and your child will be told of any class movements and a conversation will be had with the Achievement Leader if there are any concerns.

What homework do students do in weeks 11,12 & 13?

During these weeks your child's Homework practice book will be used to practice any definitions from their Knowledge Organiser that they do not know.

Celebration and House competitions

During this celebration and assessment fortnight you are able to attend Gloucester Academy and watch your child compete in their house competitions such as Netball and Football, you can watch your child perform in their drama production, attend the Art exhibition and many many more. This is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the hard work and achievements of your child, to celebrate with them their commitment to their enrichment activity, sport and academic subjects. You can attend all events in purple on the timetable, you will be required to sign in at reception on arrival and will need to be here 10 minutes before the start of the event. As social distancing restrictions ease, we couldn't be more excited to have more parents on site, celebrating the fantastic achievements of their children.

If you have any questions around assessments at all please contact Mr Watson using the email jwatson@gloucesteracademy.co.uk

We look forward to studying and celebrating with you soon.

Yours sincerely



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Assessments

Week B Week 12	Monday 29th November	Tuesday 30th November	Wednesday 1st December	Thursday 2nd December	Friday 3rd December
Period 1 9:10-10:05	9G English, 9L English		9BR Art 9WA Food & Nutrition	9L Spanish	9U Spanish 9C Spanish
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00	9U Religious Studies	9BR Food & Nutrition 9CA Drama 9WA Art			9CA Food & Nutrition 9WA Drama
Break 11:00– 11:20					
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	9O Religious Studies 9C Geography	9C Maths	9O History 9C Science		
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10	9O English 9L Geography 9U History	9L Maths 9U Maths	9G Science 9L Science	9EX Food & Nutrition 9OX Drama	
Lunch 1:10-1.45					
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40	9G Religious Studies 9C English	9G Maths 9O Maths 9U English		9O Science 9U Science	

Week A Week 13	Monday 6th December	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Thursday 9th December	Friday 10th December
Period 1 9:10-10:05	9BR Drama 9C Art 9EX Art 9OX Food & Nutrition	9O Geography		9EX Drama 9OX Art	
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00		9U Geography 9C History	9G Spanish	9L History	9U History
Break 11:00– 11:20					
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15					
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10	9O Spanish				
Lunch 1:10-1.45					
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40	9G Geography 9C Religious Studies				9L Religious Studies

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Celebration and Enrichment

Week B Week 12	Monday 29th November	Tuesday 30 th November	Wednesday 1st December	Thursday 2 nd December	Friday 3rd December
Period 1 9:10-10:05					8G Employability Skills
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00	10G, 10L GROWS Myth Busting		Y9 Intro to GROWS + Survey (virtual)		8L Employability Skills
Break 11:00–11:20	Enrichment Interview (Heartspace stage) AHE	Arabic and German (Heartspace Stage) BTN, ARG	Warhammer battle (Heartspace stage) JES	Y9&10 DofE presentation (Heartspace stage) LBK, KFE	Y9&10 Ten Tors presentation (Heartspace stage) LBK,KFE
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	10O, 10U GROWS Myth Busting				
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10	10C GROWS Myth Busting	Y8 Choir (Heartspace)		Y7 Employer Encounters: NHS	8U Employability Skills
Lunch 1:10-1.45	Word Challenge Y7 (Lecture Theatre) COR	Word Challenge Y8 (Lecture Theatre) COR	Word Challenge Y9 (Lecture Theatre) COR	Word Challenge Y10 (Lecture Theatre) COR	
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40	7 Girls Football 7 Boys Rugby Inter House Sport	Y7 Careers Introduction and LMI (Lecture Theatre)	8C Employability Skills 9 Girls Football 9 Boys Rugby Inter House Sport	10 Girls Football 10 Boys Rugby Inter House Sport	8O Employability Skills
DEAR 14:40 - 15:05					
Period 6 15:05 - 16.00					
Week A Week 13	Monday 6th December	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Thursday 9th December	Friday 10th December
Period 1 9:10-10:05			9G, 9L GROWS Why Go?		
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00			9C, 9O GROWS Why Go?	Y10 UofG Choosing Level 3 Options	
Break 11:00–11:20	Fashion and Textiles (Heartspace stage) SKY	Recorders (Heartspace stage) HCR	Chess (Heartspace stage) AMR	Bake Sale (Heartspace stage) JRR	Chess (Heartspace stage) AMR
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	Y10 Employer Encounter: Renishaw	Y9 Employer Encounter: Speakers for Schools: MasterCard	9U GROWS Why Go?	Y7 UofG Why Go?	
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10				Y8 UofG Subject Talk	Y8 Employer Encounters: NHS
Lunch 1:10-1.45	Y7 Art JJN Word Challenge Finale Y7-10 (Lecture Theatre, parents of finalists only) COR	Y8 Art JJN	Y9 Art JJN Y7 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage) ARR	Y10 Art Y10 GCSE Drama (Lecture Theatre) HCR Y8 &9 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage) ARR	Y11 Art Drama Enrichment (Lecture Theatre) HCR Y10 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage) ARR
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40		Y7 Choir (Heartspace) 8 Girls Football 8 Boys Rugby Inter House Sport		Y9 UofG Choosing Your GCSEs	
DEAR 14:40 - 15:05					
Period 6 15:05 - 16.00				Y11 UofG Myth Busting and Journey to HE	