



GLOUCESTER
ACADEMY

5 November 2021

Class of 2022 – Year 11

Unit 1 Assessments 22nd 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 22nd November 2021.

This set of assessments are incredibly important for our students as the results may well be used as evidence towards their final awarded grades. The Government has set out plans that exams will go ahead in the summer of 2022 but has also explained that these exams may well be cancelled in favour of teacher assessed grades. It is with this in mind that we need your support in ensuring our students, your children, are absolutely ready to perform at their best each and every day.

What are teacher assessed grades?

Like the year that we have just had, students were awarded grades based on evidence collected by the school. Unlike last year however the evidence that needs to be used is directly from exams like the ones in November. Schools have been asked to make sure there are three opportunities to collect evidence in the form of formal exams.

The assessments will be in the style of real GCSE exams. These assessments will give a good indication of gaps our students have in their knowledge and set off a series of interventions that will ensure that they progress as they sit each exam.

KIP Assessments alongside the exams.

KIP stands for 'Knowledge is Power'. 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:

How can I help my child?

Encourage your child to attend Elite Training sessions after school, this is where experts will be doing specific exam style practice. Furthermore, ensure your child is doing their structured revision to a high standard each week.

Students have been given exam manifests which indicate the subjects that are covered in the exam that they are about to sit. They will need to use these to highlight areas that need revisiting. If your child attends Elite Training, which runs from 4.00pm until 5.00pm, they will be supported to prepare for the exams, reducing the amount of work they need to do at home.

Your child has been given all the revision guides that they need - if you are unsure of how to support your child please let us know.

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

You will receive a report at the end of the exam period and will be invited in to discuss the progress of your child in January.

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 and structured revision will continue to be set.

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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*MFL Speaking, English Speaking & Food Practicals to take place in week 10

Week A Week 11	Monday 22nd November	Tuesday 23rd November	Wednesday 24th November	Thursday 25th November	Friday 26th November
Period 1 9:10-10:05	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation		Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation
Break 11:00– 11:20					
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	English Literature P1	Science Biology P1	Maths P1 - Non Calculator	English Literature P2	History P2 - Crime & Punishment
Timing	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes	75 minutes/ Extra time 94 minutes	90 minutes/ Extra time 113 minutes	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10	English Literature P1 Continued	Science Biology P1 Continued	Maths P1 Non Calculator Continued	English Literature P2 Continued	History P2 Continued
Lunch 1:10-1.45					
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40	11A KIP Art, History, Hospitality & Catering, French, Geography, Spanish	Lesson/Mop up	Lesson/Mop up	11D KIPS Geography, History, Art, Music, Sport & Hospitality & Catering	
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	Assessment Preparation	Geography P2 - Challenges of the Human environment	Assessment Preparation	MFL Reading	Assessment Preparation
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00	Assessment Preparation	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes	Assessment Preparation	Foundation 45 minutes Extra time 57 minutes /Higher 60 minutes Extra time 75 minutes	Assessment Preparation
Break 11:00– 11:20					
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	Science Chemistry P1	History P1 Viking Expansion	Maths P2 - Calculator	Geography P1 - Living with the Physical Environment	Maths P3 - Calculator
Timing	75 minutes/ Extra time 94 minutes	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes	90 minutes/ Extra time 113 minutes	90 minutes/ Extra time 113 minutes	90 minutes/ Extra time 113 minutes
Period 4 12:15 - 13:10	Science Chemistry P1 Continued	History P1 Continued	Maths P2 Calculator Continued	Geography P1 Continued	Maths P3 Calculator Continued
Lunch 1:10-1.45					
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40	11G, O & C English Language KIP	11L, & U Science KIP	Lesson/Mop up	Lesson/Mop up	11L, U & S English Language KIP
Timing					
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	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation
Period 2 10:05 - 11:00	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation	Assessment Preparation
Break 11:00– 11:20					
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15	MFL Writing	Science Physics P1	Citizenship P1	Health & Social Care P1	Citizenship P2
Timing	Foundation 70 minutes Extra time 94 minutes /Higher 80 minutes Extra time 100 minutes	75 minutes/ Extra time 94 minutes	50 minutes/ Extra time 63 minutes	60 minutes/ Extra time 75 minutes	50 minutes/ Extra time 63 minutes
Period 4	MFL Writing	Science Physics P1	Citizenship P1	Health & Social Care	Citizenship P2