



GLOUCESTER  
ACADEMY

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### **Unit 1 Assessment and Celebration Fortnight 29th November - 10th December 2021 Year 7**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to share with you your child's Assessment and Celebration timetable which starts from Monday 29th November 2021.

#### **Assessment**

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, and is in their Knowledge Organisers that have been used for homework in Unit 1. 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.

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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 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 access the test so they are not at a disadvantage.

A summary report will then be sent home to you to explain how well your child has done in each subject compared to others in 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, if they fail to do this they will receive a zero score for that assessment, which will affect their setting.

### **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](mailto:jwatson@gloucesteracademy.co.uk) We look forward to studying and celebrating with you soon.

Yours sincerely



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## Assessments

<b>Week B Week 12</b>	<b>Monday 29th November</b>	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 1st December</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday 3rd December</b>
<b>Period 1 9:10-10:05</b>	7L History 7O English	7G History 7U History 7O Maths 7C Maths	7L Science 7O Science 7U Science	7L Maths	7U Geography
<b>Period 2 10:05 - 11:00</b>	7L Geography	7O History	7C Science	7L Spanish 7U History 7C Geography	
<b>Break 11:00– 11:20</b>					
<b>Period 3 11:20 - 12:15</b>	7G English 7U English	7U Maths 7G Religious Studies	7G Science 7L English	7OX Art 7BR Art	7C Spanish
<b>Period 4 12:15 - 13:10</b>	7BR Drama 7OX Food & Nutrition	7G Maths 7C English 7U Religious Studies	7WA Drama 7EX Art		7EX Drama 7CA Food & Nutrition
<b>Lunch 1:10-1.45</b>					
<b>Period 5 13:45 - 14:40</b>			7O Geography 7U History	7C History	7G Spanish 7WA Art
<b>Week A Week 13</b>	<b>Monday 6th December</b>	<b>Tuesday 7th December</b>	<b>Wednesday 8th December</b>	<b>Thursday 9th December</b>	<b>Friday 10th December</b>
<b>Period 1 9:10-10:05</b>		7C Religious Studies	7O Spanish		
<b>Period 2 10:05 - 11:00</b>			7U Spanish		
<b>Break 11:00– 11:20</b>					
<b>Period 3 11:20 - 12:15</b>					
<b>Period 4 12:15 - 13:10</b>		7WA Food & Nutrition 7BR Food & Nutrition 7OX Drama 7CA Art			7EX Food & Nutrition 7CA Drama
<b>Lunch 1:10-1.45</b>					
<b>Period 5 13:45 - 14:40</b>			7L Religious Studies		7O Religious Studies

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Celebration and Enrichment PURPLE = events parent's may attend.

Week B Week 12	Monday 29th November	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 1st December	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)	Arabic and German (Heartspace Stage)	Warhammer battle (Heartspace stage)	Y9 DofE presentation (Heartspace stage)	Y10 DofE presentation (Heartspace stage)
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)	Word Challenge Y8 (Lecture Theatre)	Word Challenge Y9 (Lecture Theatre)	Word Challenge Y10 (Lecture Theatre)	
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 +presentation on screen)	Recorders (Heartspace stage, lyrics and notes on the screen)	Bake Sale (Heartspace stage)	Chess (Heartspace stage)	Chess (Heartspace stage)
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  Word Challenge Finale Y7-10 (parents of finalists only)	Y8 Art	Y9 Art  Y7 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage)	Y10 Art  Y10 GCSE Drama (Lecture Theatre)  Y8 &9 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage)	Y11 Art  Drama Enrichment (Lecture Theatre)  Y10 Sports Trophy Presentation (Heartspace stage)
Period 5 13:45 - 14:40		Y7 Choir (Heartspace) 8 Girls Football		Y9 UofG Choosing Your GCSEs	
DEAR 14:40 - 15:05		8 Boys Rugby Inter House Sport			
Period 6 15:05 - 16.00				Y11 UofG Myth Busting and Journey to HE	