

23 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 29 January, we have the second Year 7 assessment week, during which all year 7 pupils will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the second report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped.

Many revision resources have been shared on Google Classroom by class teachers, so please make use of those. To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: Year 7 will be completing their second STAR reader test this half term. This will test their understanding of vocabulary, as well as comprehension on a small text they will read in the test.

Maths: Pupils should revise topics from the autumn and spring terms using the shared revision list alongside their weekly Sparx homework.

Science: The assessment will focus on key scientific skills such as graph drawing, identifying variables, making conclusions from data and writing a method.

Geography: Pupils will sit a test on rivers and glaciers. They should complete their knowledge organiser using BBC Bitesize to get the best scores.

History: Pupils will be given a combination of short and extended answer questions covering the latter part of the Medieval unit and their current unit Tudor England. They should ensure they're able to write developed paragraphs on the key sub-topics of Martin Luther's criticisms of the Catholic Church, Henry's break with Rome and Mary Tudor.

French/German: Pupils will be completing a role play, a read aloud task and four unprepared questions on the topic of school. The key to success with this assessment is including a verb in your answers e.g. If the question is what subject do you like? The answer 'PE' would score one mark, but the answer I like PE would score the full two marks.

REP: Year 7s will be assessed on their understanding of Christian beliefs with a focus on the concept of 'afterlife'. Pupils will have an opportunity to examine different arguments in relation to this belief.

DT: Year 7 will be tested on their knowledge in the area of D&T that they are currently studying - either Product Design (pewter keyring and acrylic ruler), Food or Textiles (tie dyed pencil case). Please make sure you revise what you have learnt so far!

ICT: The assessment will focus on Webpage creation using a range of HTML tags and their results when used.

Art: Year 7 will be assessed on their imagination and realisation skills when dealing with 3D forms within a scene.

Music: Pupils will be assessed on their recent keyboard skills learning and have been set a homework task to support them in preparing for this.

Drama: Year 7 will be assessed on their devising and performing skills when creating and performing their own original drama based on our Darkwood Manor theme.

PE: Grading is completed using the department's Medal > Elite ladder, each ladder section will have a lower, middle and upper grade score from 1-18. E.g. Medal Middle = 2, Gold Middle = 11 and Elite Upper = 18.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 7 pupils. If there are any questions about these assessments, pupils should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely



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