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Principal: Mr. David Scales



Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child approaches the midpoint of the academic year we have our 'January Assessment' week. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain how this will look for the children, so you can also prepare and support from home. Attendance during this assessment week is crucial.

A copy of the assessment timetables by year group at the end of this letter.

Alongside our ongoing formative assessment, we believe that our twice-yearly assessments (January and June) are an important opportunity for staff to develop a complete understanding of the progress each child is making over the course of the academy year. The outcomes of the assessments will allow us to see where gaps have been closed and where they still remain, and will therefore help to inform our planning for the remainder of the academic year.

At Woodfields we stream scholars based on their academic performance in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. This ensures that your child receives the correct level of instruction so that they can flourish academically. These assessments will be used to coordinate the streams for later in the academic year.

For the scholars, there are also great benefits of introducing them to assessments from Year 7. It is an opportunity for them to reflect on their own learning over the year and to showcase and celebrate the progress that they have made. It is also an opportunity to develop, over time, the skills necessary to succeed.

Please do encourage your child to revise and discuss the assessments with them – there is strong evidence that frequent revision leads to great outcomes later in a child's education. We recommend they use Sparx Maths, and their Knowledge Organisers. Whilst we need your child to take these assessments seriously, and try their very best, we also want to support where that is necessary – if your child is feeling anxious about them, that is likely be normal, but please encourage them to speak to their Apollo Tutor or PYL.

It is really important that all scholars go to the toilet at the beginning of the school day (between 8am and 8.25am) if they have an assessment in the morning and during lunch if they have an assessment in the afternoon. Scholars will not be able to leave an assessment to go to the toilet unless they have a medical exemption and the academy has received the relevant medical information.

For scholars in Years 7, 8 and 9 our 'January Assessments' will take place in the morning during Period 1 and in the afternoon during Period 5. Scholars will remain in their Apollo rooms for their assessments.

If your child is entitled to any access arrangements, these will be provided for all assessments.

Once assessments have been marked, we will send an academic report detailing your child's performance in these assessments, relative to the whole year group. This report will help you to see areas of relative strength





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as well as monitor progress over time. There will also be the following Parents' Evenings next half term where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with staff at Woodfields:

- Year 7 and 8: Thursday 29th January 2026
- Year 9: Thursday 5th March (options information will also be provided at this event).

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's Apollo Tutor, PYL or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Victoria Southall
Vice Principal – Quality of Education

Frequently Asked Questions

My child is really disappointed with their results/stream. What can I do?

We all want the same thing – for your child to make as much progress as possible. Streams allow this to happen by providing additional support where it is needed. Streams are temporary. Your child will sit their next assessments in June. Encourage hard work to move to where they want to be.

Will my child's tutor stay the same?

The streams are for lessons only, so your child will still have the same tutor for morning line up, Astrea Reads, and tutor time.

What if my child misses an assessment?

They will sit the assessment in the next available lesson. If they end up not sitting the assessment, that subject is removed from their ranking.

My child has moved stream. Is this unusual?

It is common for a child to move stream throughout Years 7–9. It is very common at the end of Year 7 due to the different methodology of streaming. We promote the mantra of those that work hardest make the most progress. This then affects their stream.



KS3 Assessments

All internal KS3 subject assessments will take place in the morning during Period 1 and in the afternoon during Period 5. Scholars will remain in their Apollo rooms for their exams.

Co30 (Year 9) Assessment Timetable

	MONDAY 12 th January	TUESDAY 13 th January	WEDNESDAY 14 th January	THURSDAY 15 th January	FRIDAY 16 th January
Period 1	Geography	Maths	English		
Period 5	PSHE	History	Science		

Co31 (Year 8) Assessment Timetable

	MONDAY 12 th January	TUESDAY 13 th January	WEDNESDAY 14 th January	THURSDAY 15 th January	FRIDAY 16 th January
Period 1	History	English	Science		
Period 5	PSHE	Geography	Maths		

Co32 (Year 7) Assessment Timetable

	MONDAY 12 th January	TUESDAY 13 th January	WEDNESDAY 14 th January	THURSDAY 15 th January	FRIDAY 16 th January
Period 1	Science	Science	Maths		
Period 5	PSHE	History	English		