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Principal: Mr. David Scales



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child approaches the end of the academic year we have our Summer Assessment weeks. 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 these assessment weeks is crucial.

A copy of the assessment timetables by year group can be found 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 remain, and will therefore help to inform our planning for the next 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 the next 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 in the external examinations they will sit at the end of Year 11.

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, Carousel, and their Knowledge Organisers. Please help your child to be organised, and ensure that they have their full equipment pack in their bags each day. Whilst we need your child to take these assessments seriously, and try their very best, we also understand that your child might need additional support – if your child is feeling anxious about their assessments that is likely be normal, but please encourage them to speak to their Apollo Tutor or PYL.

It is 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 Summer Assessments will take place in the morning during Period 1 and in the afternoon during Period 5. Scholars will remain in their tutor groups and classrooms for their assessments.





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

Alongside our KS3 Summative Assessment, all scholars will also complete national standardised New Group Reading Tests (NGRT) and GL Progress Tests in English and Maths. These assessments indicate whether your child is meeting their age-related expectation. The English and Maths tests will take place in the main hall and will give your child the opportunity to experience a formal examination environment, increasing their familiarity and reducing their potential future exam anxiety. The reading test will take place in a computer room.

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 understand their areas of relative strength as well as monitor progress over time. This report will be sent on Tuesday 14th July.

There should be no expectations that marks increase year on year. For example, a scholar may get 65% in Year 7 and then 60% in Year 8 and then 63% in year 9. This would represent *good* progress.

This is because

- a) the year 8 and year 9 test is testing completely new knowledge along with the old knowledge;
- b) it is testing a larger domain of knowledge;
- c) the tests get harder, with more complex questions requiring scholars to use more knowledge at once, as they progress through school.

Therefore, if your child's marks stay the same throughout Key Stage 3, they have made good progress.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Victoria Southall
Vice Principal – Quality of Education



KS3 Assessment Timetable

All KS3 subject assessments will take place in tutor classrooms during Apollo and Period 1, Period 5 and Astrea Reads.

ALL KS3 NGRT will take place in R041

All KS3 GL Assessments will take place in the main hall, with a briefing in the dining hall.

Year 7 Assessment Timetable

Week 1	MONDAY 15 th June	TUESDAY 16 th June	WEDNESDAY 17 th June	THURSDAY 18 th June	FRIDAY 19 th June
Period 1			32X5 - NGRT	English	Science
Period 5		32X1 - NGRT		Maths P1	Geography

Week 2	MONDAY 22 nd June	TUESDAY 23 rd June	WEDNESDAY 24 th June	THURSDAY 25 th June	FRIDAY 26 th June
Period 1	Doncaster Athletics	Period 1 & 2: GL English Main Hall	Period 1 & 2: GL Maths Main Hall	History	Maths P2
Period 5		32X3 - NGRT	32X2 - NGRT	RE	PD

Week 1	MONDAY 29 th June	TUESDAY 30 th June	WEDNESDAY 1 st July	THURSDAY 2 nd July	FRIDAY 3 rd July
Period 1		32X4 - NGRT			INSET
Period 2					

Year 8 Assessment Timetable

Week 1	MONDAY 15 th June	TUESDAY 16 th June	WEDNESDAY 17 th June	THURSDAY 18 th June	FRIDAY 19 th June
Period 1		31X6 - NGRT		RE	Maths P1
Period 5			31X2 - NGRT	Geography	History

Week 2	MONDAY 22 nd June	TUESDAY 23 rd June	WEDNESDAY 24 th June	THURSDAY 25 th June	FRIDAY 26 th June
Period 1	Doncaster Athletics	31X4 - NGRT		Maths P2	English
Period 5		Period 4 & 5: GL English Main Hall	Period 4 & 5: GL Maths Main Hall	Science	PD

Week 1	MONDAY 29 th June	TUESDAY 30 th June	WEDNESDAY 1 st July	THURSDAY 2 nd July	FRIDAY 3 rd July
Period 1	31X3 - NGRT				INSET
Period 2	31X1 - NGRT	31X5 - NGRT			

Year 9 Assessment Timetable

Week 1	MONDAY 15 th June	TUESDAY 16 th June	WEDNESDAY 17 th June	THURSDAY 18 th June	FRIDAY 19 th June
Period 1	30X2 - NGRT			Maths P1	History
Period 5	30X4 - NGRT			Science	PD

Week 2	MONDAY 22 nd June	TUESDAY 23 rd June	WEDNESDAY 24 th June	THURSDAY 25 th June	FRIDAY 26 th June
Period 1	30X3 - NGRT	Doncaster Athletics	Doncaster Visit	English	Geography
Period 5	30X1 - NGRT			Maths P2	RE

Week 1	MONDAY 29 th June	TUESDAY 30 th June	WEDNESDAY 1 st July	THURSDAY 2 nd July	FRIDAY 3 rd July
Period 1	Period 1 & 2: GL English Main Hall	Period 1 & 2: GL Maths Main Hall	30X5 - NGRT		INSET
Period 2					

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 January. 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 will not be used to determine their stream.

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.