

8th September 2024

Subject: Upcoming KS3 assessments

Dear parent/carer,

Your child has three knowledge organiser assessments a year in each subject. These take place in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. The first assessment window is Monday 14th October to Friday 25th October. Your child will sit a knowledge organiser assessment for each of their subjects during this two-week period.

The purpose of the assessments is to find out what your child knows and can remember. This helps your child and their teachers know what they are doing well and what they can improve. It is also an opportunity for your child to practise completing assessments so they feel easier.

Each knowledge organiser assessment is focussed on the essential knowledge studied in lessons and homework. Roughly 50% of each assessment is on learning from lessons, with the other 50% on homework.

To help your child prepare for the assessments, and to help them develop their revision skills, they had a session during form about how to revise along with guidance and time to prepare a revision timetable. They were also given a booklet containing information on:

- Achievement – Why it is important? How do I achieve well?
- What assessments do I have?
- How do I prepare properly?
- What do I revise? (This states what is on the assessments)
- How do I revise?
- How do I revise independently?
- Revising effectively
- How to make a revision plan
- Revision timetable (This is your child's own plan)
- Useful websites/apps

Please discuss the upcoming assessments with your child and support them with preparing effectively by helping them organise their revision time. They should be using their knowledge organisers from their homework and lessons to help them prepare. Revision ideas are in the booklet.

The table below shows what is on the upcoming assessments.

KS3 Knowledge Organiser Assessments – October 2024 – Topics to Revise

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Art	African Masks	Islamic Patterns	Asian Art
Computing	Collaborating Online Safely	Computer Systems, Collaborating Online Safely, Clear Messaging in Digital Media	Cyber Security, Scratch Programming, Computer Systems
Design and Technology	Specific topic depends on teacher	Specific topic depends on teacher	Specific topic depends on teacher
English	Grammar and Punctuation, Skulduggery Pleasant, Spellings	A Christmas Carol, Spellings	Animal Farm, Spellings
Geography	Map Skills	Rivers, Population	Ecosystems Under Threat, Rivers
History	Invasions pre-1066 and The Norman Conquest	Early Stuart England, The Norman Conquest	The Great War, The Renaissance and The Gunpowder Plot
Languages	French - All About Me – Then and Now	Spanish - Where I live	French - On Holiday
Maths	Prime Numbers and Proof, Sequences, Algebra	Ration and Scale, Multiplicative Change, Multiplying and Dividing Fractions	3D Shapes, Constructions and Congruency
Music	Keyboard Skills, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave	Pop Ensemble Skills, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave	Minimalism, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave
Personal Development	Growing Up	Body Expectations, Physical Health	How Others Treat My Body, Building Resilience
Physical Education	Football, Basketball, Netball	Football, Basketball, Netball	Football, Basketball, Netball
Religious Education	Creation and Covenant	Creation and Covenant: Genesis 3, The Decalogue, Baptism	Creation and Covenant Key Words, Vocation
Science	St Antony's Scientists, Forces, The Particle Model	The Periodic Table, Energy Transfers, St Antony's Scientists, Forces, Particles, Energy	Genes and Chromosomes, Foundations in Biology, St Antony's Scientists, Forces, Particles, Energy

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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