

Internal Assessments – Week Commencing 24 May 2021

As you will be aware pupils from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and Lower Sixth will be sitting end of year assessments during the week beginning 24 May 2021. To support understanding of these assessments, please see the guidance below. This should allow you to support your child during that week.

Year 7

The Year 7 assessments are designed to ascertain current progress across all subjects and will support us in our planning for next year. Teachers will be giving in-class support before the assessments and will give guidance of any small amounts of revision for homework that need to take place. Revision sessions are most productive being short and focused. We would expect Year 7 pupils to undertake around 30-45 minutes of revision each night.

Please can you encourage your child to be prepared but not to be anxious about these assessments. All assessments will be completed in their normal classrooms with their subject teachers.

Year 8

Most Year 8 assessments will be completed in their normal classroom with their subject teachers. However, assessments for Maths and Science will take place according to the timetable below. At this stage, we wish to identify progress for each child in each subject and support the pupils as they move into Year 9. In class support from teachers will be offered before the assessment and pupils will be given guidance with regards to revision strategies. For Year 8 expected revision would be taking around 45-60 minutes each night.

Year 9

Year 9 assessments involve all subjects. Most are to be completed during normal lessons. The exception is Maths and the three Sciences as they will be sat according to the timetable below. Each pupil will have a separate assessment for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The results of these assessments will determine setting for Year 10.

Revision strategies and support will be offered by all teachers. It would be expected that pupils in Year 9 build up their revision skills by devoting between 60-90 minutes each evening to prepare for these assessments.

Year 10

Year 10 assessments will use GCSE questions in order to build up exam technique. Most subjects will be undertaking their assessments in normal lessons. The exception is Maths, which will be sat in the Sports Hall.

It is important for Year 10 to be prepared as possible for these assessments. Teachers will be supporting their revision and understanding, but it is expected that Year 10 pupils create an independent study programme over the next couple of weeks. Revision works best when it is organised and structured. We would expect Year 10 pupils to complete 90-120 minutes of revision each evening. Revision will be invariably set as homework to support this process.

Lower Sixth

Students in Lower Sixth will be sitting assessments as preparation for their A-levels. All papers will include A-level questions. Monday 24 May will be study leave for those students in the Lower Sixth. From Tuesday 25 May until Friday 28 May, students will be following their own assessment timetable.

Teachers will be supporting revision in the lessons before the assessments, however, it is expected that Lower Sixth pupils do have a personalised revision timetable to support their development. This includes the use of study periods whilst at school in the next two weeks. We would expect Lower Sixth students to use their time wisely and devote 2-3 hours a day to revision (whilst at school) and then create a timetable during assessment week that allows them to use study time between assessments, possibly up to 4 hours a day.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself at lizpyne@princethorpe.co.uk or subject teachers for more clarification.

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| Whole School Internal Assessments - Week commencing 24/05/21 | | | | | |
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| Year | Monday 24/05 | Tuesday 25/05 | Wednesday 26/05 | Thursday 27/05 | Friday 28/05 |
| 7 | In lesson assessments during week | | | | |
| 8 | In lesson assessments during week apart from Maths & Science | | | | |
| | P4L1 Maths | P5 Science | | P3 Maths | |
| 9 | In lesson assessments during week apart from Maths & Science | | | | |
| | P5 Physics | P1 Maths | P5 Chemistry | P3 Maths | P2 Biology |
| 10 | In lesson assessments during week apart from Maths - Science assessments in Science lessons | | | | |
| | P1&2 Maths in SPH | P2 Biology | | P1 Chemistry | P1 Physics |
| L6 | STUDY LEAVE | STUDY/PM Timetabled Assessments | AM & PM Timetabled Assessments | AM & PM Timetabled Assessments | AM & PM Timetabled Assessments |