

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parent/carer,

Assessment and Super Teaching weeks

At St Luke's we take pride in the quality of our teaching and assessments, because we know they are fundamentally important to students' learning and progress. We run three teaching and assessment cycles (one per term) of approximately 10-12 weeks. We are currently in our final week of teaching in cycle 1, during next week, students will be completing assessments for the Autumn term.

Assessment week: Monday 2nd December – Friday 6th December

Our assessments focus on what students have learnt this term, some questions will be multiple-choice/quick answer and others will require students to apply the knowledge they have learnt in longer answers or in GCSE papers for those in Year 9/10. There will be very little teaching during this week. During lessons, where students have completed an assessment in that subject or if there is no assessment, students will be independently revising for their remaining assessments.

During assessment week, homework will continue, but there will be lots of time in school for students to complete it, in an order of their choosing. There can occasionally be some time after assessments, if students finish an assessment early. Therefore, we ask that you encourage your son/daughter to bring in their reading book every day during this week.

When will my child's assessments take place?

Attached to this letter is each year group assessment timetable. Each assessment taking place is highlighted in yellow. To check which classes your child is in, please cross reference this assessment timetable with your child's normal timetable to see when their assessments are taking place.

Super teaching week: Tuesday 10th December – Friday 13th December (Monday 9th December is our non pupil day)

In lessons, during super teaching week, teachers will focus on the areas for development that have been highlighted from marking the assessments. Tasks and activities will be designed to help close any gaps in learning, so that students can improve their understanding and application of concepts and skills taught this term.

Feedback on assessment

The parents report, which you will receive at the end of term, will give you the outcomes of each assessment. The report will tell you what percentage your child achieved and which quartile of the year population their score placed them in. If you have a child taking GCSE or vocational courses in year 9 or 10, you will also receive a predicted grade for each subject.

If you have any questions or require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Head of Year in the first instance. All email addresses are on our school website.

Yours sincerely,



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