



Ark All Saints Academy

Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parent,

Re: Assessment Window – Monday 25th November 2019 to Tuesday 10th December 2019

Next week all scholars in Years 7 to 10 will sit their Autumn Term assessments. The assessment timetable is enclosed with this letter. These assessments will assess the progress they have made over the last 11 weeks. Once your child's assessments have been marked and moderated we will send you a report on their current progress. With your report you will receive information to help you understand your child's report. Assessments will take place between 25th November – 10th December 2019. When assessments are not taking place scholars will attend normal lessons. Most assessments will take place in the sports hall. If your child has special exam access arrangements, they will receive this support either in the main examination area or in the SEN unit.

The aims of assessments:

At ARK All Saints we are preparing our scholars for university and beyond.

- 1) Most subjects will have **formal written assessments** under exam conditions.
- 2) Assessments and examinations **can feel very pressurised**, we want scholars to begin to get used to this as soon as possible. This will mean that when they sit their GCSE and A-Level examinations they will feel more comfortable in an exam hall.
- 3) Our **high expectations of behaviour** will be applied in the assessments; this means that any scholars who disrupt or interfere with assessments will receive severe consequences. Please talk to your child about our shared expectations of behaviour.

Attendance and Assessments:

Attendance and punctuality to school for the next two weeks is of vital importance.

- ❖ Scholars **must be in everyday and on time**. We expect all scholars to be on site by 8.20 everyday– in their GCSE and A-Level examinations an absence or lateness will mean a scholar **cannot sit that exam**.
- ❖ If your child is absent for whatever reason we will need to organise for them to take their missing assessments before or after school – please contact us as usual if absent.

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Equipment:

As is our expectation everyday - Scholars must come **fully equipped**. Please refer to the equipment list that is attached to this letter so you can check with your child that they have **ALL** the correct equipment ready for Monday morning.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr A Ademolake
AHT - Assessment and Data



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Essential equipment to be stored in a see-through pencil case:

Green pen
Red pen
30cm ruler
Protractor
Eraser
Sharpener
Highlighter pen x2
Ink pen (blue or black) x2
Pencil x2



For maths and science assessments all scholars must have their own Scientific Calculator (please see image above of an acceptable calculator) - these can be purchased for £7 from the school shop. This is open from 8.10-8.25 and sells all the equipment scholars need.

Please can I remind you that scholars should have a clear water bottle on them during school hours- this is especially important during assessments.