

Dear Parents/Carers,

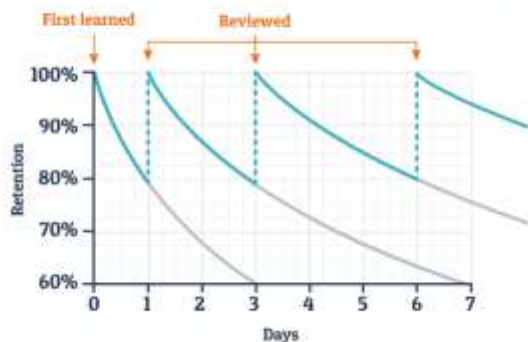
20th October 2020

Assessment Week

Please find this letter as both information and an 'Explainer' of one of our new school systems.

As I'm sure you will recall, the chart below outlines our method for ensuring that whatever we teach, Scholars remember:

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



As well as splitting different learning points into specific lessons, we have organized our entire curriculum into a set of 4 equal blocks per year called Achievement Cycles (AC). Our 1st AC will finish the second week after half-term. They are not linked to holidays, but instead are always 8 week teaching blocks, followed by testing and the re-teaching.

The tests are based solely upon what has been taught over that AC and so always give a very strong indication of how much Scholars have retained and, most importantly, tell their teachers what they need to reteach because they haven't learned enough about that topic.

The AC tests have been designed to test pure knowledge as well as ability to apply that knowledge in longer answers and are scored as a percentage. The test itself will be a mixture of rigorous multiple choice questions as well as slightly longer answers. When all of the assessments are in and marked, your child will receive a breakdown of all of their scores and you will receive a 1 page summary.

After this has been done, we will use all of the data we have and then make changes to Scholar Groups in order to ensure that all of our scholars are in the correct group. We will make this decision based on the data we have to hand and Scholars will have another chance to move at the end of **EVERY** Achievement Cycle.

All Scholars will take their AC Files from AC1 home with them on Friday to revise, these will need to be returned after re-teach week, so Monday 16th November.

Once again, thank you so much for your support as we strive to make Kirk Hallam an Excellent Academy.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

Date	Week	Event	Notes	
24/08/2020	1	Staff Inset	Culture	Achievement Cycle 1
31/08/2020	2	Staff and Student Inset	Academics	
07/09/2020	3	Teaching Week 1	Student Inset Mon-Tues	
14/09/2020	4	Teaching Week 2		
21/09/2020	5	Teaching Week 3		
28/09/2020	6	Teaching Week 4		
05/10/2020	7	Teaching Week 5		
12/10/2020	8	Teaching Week 6		
19/10/2020	9	Teaching Week 7		
26/10/2020		Half-Term		
02/11/2020	10	Teaching Week 8		
09/11/2020	11	Assessment and Re-teach Week		Achievement Cycle 2
16/11/2020	12	Teaching Week 1		
23/11/2020	13	Teaching Week 2		
30/11/2020	14	Teaching Week 3		
07/12/2020	15	Teaching Week 4		
14/12/2020	16	Achievement Days	Only Mon-Tues	
21/12/2020		Christmas Holiday		
28/12/2020		Christmas Holiday		
04/01/2021	17	Teaching Week 5		Achievement Cycle 3
11/01/2021	18	Teaching Week 6		
18/01/2021	19	Teaching Week 7		
25/01/2021	20	Teaching Week 8		
01/02/2021	21	Assessment and Re-teach Week	Option PPE-Y11	
08/02/2021	22	Teaching Week 1		
15/02/2021		Half-Term		
22/02/2021	23	Teaching Week 2		
01/03/2021	24	Teaching Week 3		Achievement Cycle 4
08/03/2021	25	Teaching Week 4		
15/03/2021	26	Teaching Week 5		
22/03/2021	27	Teaching Week 6		
29/03/2021		Easter Holiday		
05/04/2021		Easter Holiday		
12/04/2021	28	Teaching Week 7		
19/04/2021	29	Teaching Week 8		
26/04/2021	30	Assessment and Re-teach Week		Achievement Cycle 4
03/05/2021	31	Teaching Week 1		
10/05/2021	32	Teaching Week 2		
17/05/2021	33	Teaching Week 3		
24/05/2021	34	Teaching Week 4		
31/05/2021		Half-Term		
07/06/2021	35	Teaching Week 5		
14/06/2021	36	Teaching Week 6		
21/06/2021	37	Teaching Week 7		
28/06/2021	38	Teaching Week 8		
05/07/2021	39	Assessment and Re-teach Week		
12/07/2021	40	Excellence Week	Sports Day	
19/07/2021	41	Achievement Days	Only Mon-Tues	