

16 October 2024

Dear parents and carers

This year we are introducing SKI; Skills and Knowledge Indicators. Instead of traditional end-of-year tests, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit assessments across all subject areas, within one week. These assessments will focus on material studied in lessons and homework, giving us a clear understanding of students' knowledge and readiness for the next steps in their courses.

Our first SKI Week for Key Stage 3 is happening from Tuesday 5 November to Friday 8 November, when we return from the half term break. We will have a normal Monday-Week-B day of lessons on Monday 4 November.

The Assessment Timetable

By Monday 21 October at 10am, your young person's final assessment timetable will be published on Arbor and you'll be able to see the specific assessment times for each of their subjects over the SKI period.

What Will Be Assessed

Students will only be assessed on topics covered during lesson time and homework. There will be no new material in the assessments, ensuring that **Student(s) First Name** can confidently demonstrate their understanding of the content they've already worked on.

Preparing for SKI Week

To help your young person prepare, they are encouraged to review their schoolbooks and class notes. We suggest you spend a little time reviewing the timetable with them, to help them plan their revision over the break. A balance of relaxation and preparation during SKI Week will make sure they can approach the assessments in the right mindset. If you have any questions, please contact your young person's Head of Year or if your query is about the content of an assessment, please contact the relevant subject teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Carrington Team.