

SKI Week : All You Need to Know

What does SKI stand for?

Skills and Knowledge Indicators.

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An opportunity to assess the skills and knowledge of our students at two fixed points in the year. These points allow us to compare performance within cohorts and aid our future planning, adapting curriculum and lesson plans in order to address misconceptions and further challenge pupils.

Are SKI Weeks exams?

They are not Exams! They are assessments, designed to find out what students have learnt. They take place in classrooms (Year 10 may have some main hall experience), mostly in assessment conditions to support the integrity of the assessment.

What is EPT?

Remember study leave when you were at school? Well, this doesn't officially exist anymore as students should be in school every day. However, custom practice across schools is to give some time for students to revise independently - a very valuable skill for life. During GCSE's we give students some independence in the morning or afternoon before crucial exams which we call Exam Preparation time (EPT). It can be useful to practice this in year 10 which is why it may be seen on timetables.

Should my young person be revising?

All students know when these assessments are upcoming and will be told by teachers the subject content to guide their preparation. Little and often in the weeks before is a great way to prepare; and much more useful and less stressful than cramming in the days before. Early preparation is the key, and students will be taught about different styles of preparation in PD lessons throughout their time in school.

What happens with the results of these assessments?

Teachers will mark these assessments and submit a percentage score on to internal marksheets. This allows us to internally moderate and make comparative judgements about performance. This score, along with any other test scores, homework and class performance, shapes the teacher's judgement for the progress statement that comes home on your young person's school report.

Will we see the percentage score?

Whilst we do not send this home like a report, you will be able to see your young person's progress in their books that should be brought home regularly. Here you should see ongoing marking and feedback that provides your child with guidance on how to improve their work and opportunities to practice this improvement.

Why do SKI Week immediately after half term? This almost ruined our holiday

We have listened to your feedback and will ensure that in the next academic year there will be a week back at school before SKI Weeks. We recognise the importance of family time and want students to be exploring new things and enjoying this time with family.

If I have a question about SKI week, who should I contact?

If your question relates to a specific subject, your first point of contact should be the class teacher. For wider questions, please contact your child's Head of Year. All staff names can be found [HERE](#).

If you have questions, concerns or feedback about the process Mr Lockhart would love to hear from you on mlockhart@carringtonschool.org.

