

7 October 2025

Dear parents and carers

Our next **SKI WEEK** (Skills and Knowledge Indicators) will be taking place for students shortly after we return from half term. This is a key moment in our academic calendar, designed to help students consolidate their learning, build confidence, and celebrate the progress they've made so far this year.

All SKI Week timetables will be published on Arbor later this week. Please do check the platform for your young person's personalised schedule.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

- Students will follow the usual timings of the school day.
- They will sit three assessments per day during SKI Week, which **begins in the second week back after half term (Monday 10 November)**.
- On days when students have a PE practical assessment, they may wear their PE kit for the full day - a small perk we know they'll appreciate!

Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

- SKI Week for KS4 will **begin on the Wednesday after half term (5 November)**.
- Students will benefit from dedicated Exam Preparation time each day. For Year 10 this will be Period 5 and 6 every day and for Year 11 this will be Period 1 and 2 every day.
- This preparation time is flexible, allowing students to undertake independent study either at home or in school, depending on what suits them best.
- To support this, we have asked staff to set only homework that directly supports SKI Week preparation for the remainder of this half term.
- Hospitality and Catering students will also complete a practical assessment during the first week back - more information will be sent to students
- There is no expectation for students to complete work over the half-term break, so families can enjoy some well-deserved time together, free from the usual academic pressures. However, they can of course revise over half term if they wish to.

Revision Support

Our [Revision Guidance page](#) has been updated with the latest preparation materials, organised by year group to help students prepare effectively. These will also be set as a homework on your young person's Arbor. These resources are designed to be clear, accessible, and supportive of independent study.



Learn More About SKI Week

If you'd like to know more about the purpose and structure of SKI Week, further information is available in this [factsheet HERE](#).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of how our students rise to challenges like these, and we look forward to seeing them approach SKI Week with focus, resilience, and a healthy dose of enthusiasm.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term.

Best wishes

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