

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents(s) / Carer(s)

**Year 7, 8 and 9 Baseline Tests - September 2019**

Over the next four weeks, students in Years 7 to 9 will be sitting a series of assessments to allow us to gain information about their current skills and knowledge and about their attainment in Maths and English. They will specifically assess a student's level of reading and comprehension, Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Reasoning. This data will be used to help us track the progress made by students throughout key stages 3 and 4 and will provide teachers with a comprehensive profile of a student's reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning.

The resulting data can then be used to identify a student's strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences, providing accurate and reliable information which is essential for personalised learning. The more we can learn about the students, the better position we should be in to offer a learning environment and ways of teaching and learning that allow students to reach their full potential.

So as to prevent teaching in any one subject being disrupted any more than is necessary, the assessments are being conducted in a number of different lessons with students receiving a timetable outlining which lessons are affected. The assessments are completed on computers and as some of the questions involve verbal instructions it is important that students remember to **bring a set of earphones throughout the assessment period**. Students are not expected to do any specific preparation or revision for these assessments beyond their usual independent learning.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,



Dr David Greene  
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