



17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

### Baseline Assessments

Alongside our curriculum assessments, students in Year 7 will shortly be sitting a baseline assessment in English and Maths. These assessments will allow the School to have a triangulated data approach and help provide additional data to set students appropriate targets for the end of Key Stage Four.

Each paper is an hour long and will be completed on a computer. The students will sit the papers at the following times;

- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** (Period One) - Maths Paper One
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** (Period One) – Maths Paper Two
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** (Period One) - English, Reading Paper

Students who miss an assessment due to unavoidable absence will be required to catch up at an additional time.

Once completed, the students will receive a question level analysis that illustrates areas of weakness and strength across all three papers. These are a useful tool as provide teachers with better information to best support pupils and plan an effective curriculum, but also give the students' individualised information to help focus their future study.

Although the papers will not be completed in Maths and English lessons both departments will support the students ahead of the assessment dates and provide examples of practice questions for the students to allow familiarity before the assessment. The students do not need to revise for these assessments, but I would encourage them to set aside time to familiarise themselves with the types of questions provided.

To access the practice questions, please visit [www.baselinetests.com](http://www.baselinetests.com) students can then sign in using their school email address and the following codes;

#### Maths

701MA1P  
701MA2P

#### Reading

701REP

Once accessed students have two hours to complete/explore the questions before the paper blocks access. If students' wish to revisit the paper they will need to speak to their class teacher who can reassign the paper to them.

If you have any questions about this assessment please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

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