



10th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Baseline Assessments

Students are not currently taught in ability sets for English, Maths and Science. The class number shown on timetables currently refers to a mixed ability group. Once the students have settled we will use a combination of formal and informal assessments to arrange ability groups. As part of this process students will undertake baseline assessments as described below.

Each paper is an hour long and will be completed on a computer. 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 all 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. Students can then sign in using their school email address and the following codes;

Maths

701MA4P

701MA5P

Reading

701RE4P

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 faithfully

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