

8th September 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that your child has enjoyed his/her first few days with us and is excited to embark on the secondary stage of his/her education.

We firmly believe that having a good understanding of each of our students' cognitive abilities is essential in helping us to plan the teaching and learning provision that we offer. Our Year 7 students will therefore be completing a series of baseline assessments, the results of which will enable us to provide adequate support and appropriate challenge as well as enabling us to set individual academic targets. As we move forwards academic targets are set as 'base grades' and are the minimum expectation that we would expect a child to achieve academically.

We are keen to stress that the students **cannot prepare** for these assessments so no revising or preparation will be necessary. Students will also be given advance warning of when they will take place.

Please note that the three assessments that students will complete are as follows:

MidYis

This is a computer-adaptive assessment for students and will help us identify strengths and weaknesses. It focusses on 4 key areas:

- Vocabulary – word fluency and understanding
- Mathematics – logical thinking, manipulating numbers and numerical concepts
- Non-verbal ability – recognising shapes, matching patterns, applying spatial awareness and visual intuition
- Skills - such as proofreading, perceptual speed and accuracy

New Group Reading Test (NGRT)

NGRT quickly assesses the range of reading skills across class groups with benchmarks that are regularly verified by digital test results from a whole range of schools. Not only is this test accessible to those students who are struggling it is equally challenging for those students who need to be stretched.

Writing Assessment

Students will complete a piece of writing which will be used to assess their writing ability.

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Please note the proposed dates for these assessments are as follows:

Assessment	Date
MidYis	09/09/2020
Writing Assessment	10/09/2020
NGRT	11/09/2020*

**The NGRT date may be subject to change*

Students should not be concerned about completing these tests and we would ask parents to reaffirm this with their child.

In the meantime should you have any questions or queries regarding any of the information contained in this letter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards



Mr Richard James
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