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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, Year 7 students will be taking transition assessments. These tests are designed to measure the developed ability of the pupils as they start Year 7. They provide the school with useful diagnostic evidence of strengths and weaknesses that your child may have. When the tests are complete, the parents of each student will receive an individual report on their results together with an explanation of the meaning of the various scores. The results will be used here at school for supporting planning and intervention strategies.

Please reassure your child that these tests are specifically designed not to require any prior revision and we do not wish them to be unduly worried about the process. If they are feeling anxious, please ask them to discuss this with their tutor.

Your child will be completing the following assessments:

**Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs).**

Each pupil completes a series of short tests which between them cover Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Spatial Ability. All the tests take place online in one of our computer rooms and no special equipment or revision is necessary.

**NGRT (New Group Reading Test)**

This literacy assessment tests not just the ability of students to decode what they read, but also to comprehend and apply meaning. It can be used to measure phonemic awareness in less able readers too.

**NGST (New Group Spelling Test)**

This test assesses spelling and knowledge of a variety of different spelling rules.

**Progress Tests**

Students will complete Progress Tests in Maths, Science and English.

**PASS Assessment (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School)**

This assessment looks at the students' mindsets as they return to school, helping us to support them refocus on their learning.

Your child will need to bring headphones for all test sessions but we will have a small number available in school. Your child will need to bring a pen with them to each test in case they need to complete any rough work.

Again, please reassure your child that these assessments are nothing to be worried about, there is no Pass or Fail mark in any of the tests.

Yours sincerely,

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