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Dear Parents

Baseline Assessments

Alongside our curriculum assessments, students in Year 7 will 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 will be an hour long and completed on a computer. The assessments will take place on the following dates: -

- **Tuesday 6 July** (Period One) - Maths Paper One
- **Friday 9 July** (Period One) – Maths Paper Two
- **Tuesday 13 July** (Period One) - English, Reading Paper

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

Once completed, the students will receive a question level analysis that illustrates areas of weakness and strength across all three papers. This information will provide teachers on how to best support pupils and plan an effective curriculum. It will also give the students' individualised information to help focus on their future studies.

Although the papers will not be completed in Maths and English lessons, the students will be supported ahead of the assessment dates and provided with examples of practice questions to allow them familiarity. 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 where students can then sign in using their school email address and the following codes:-

Maths

624MA1P
624MA2P

Reading

624REP

Once accessed, students will have two hours to complete/explore the questions before the paper gets blocked. If students wish to revisit the paper they will need to speak to their class teacher to ask for their paper to be reassigned to them.

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

Yours sincerely

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