

11th June 2021

RE: GL Assessment

Dear parents and carers,

All students in Year 7 are due to sit progress assessments during the week beginning 28 June 2021. These are produced by a company called GL Assessment. The assessments are known as Progress Tests and are the same type of assessments that the year group sat at the beginning of the academic year.

As the assessments are online, they will be sat in one of their Maths, English and Science lessons in the week beginning 28 June using the WinBooks.

We will provide all the details, as well as the username and passwords, to students via their student email, the only thing they need to bring with them is a **pair of headphones**. (If students do not have access to these, we have a small number of sets to loan to them.)

Please note that there is no need for students to revise for the GL assessments.

You may be interested to know what the tests are used for and the focus of the assessments.

Progress Tests

Students will have 3 assessments: one each in English, maths and science. The purpose is to benchmark your child's attainment in comparison to students nationally. Approximately half a million students take these tests each year. The assessments are designed to measure your child's knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

- English: focuses on grammar, reading, punctuation and spelling, and on reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts.
- Maths: assesses key aspect of maths, appropriate to the age of the pupil including mental maths.
- Science: measures two dimensions of science learning, understanding of science content, and working scientifically (application of skills). **Please note this will be completed in the summer term only.**

Once completed, the school will be provided with an individualised student report which gives a snapshot of each child's strengths and areas for development. As the assessments are online, we are provided with almost instant results. We will be able to analyse the data, monitor their progress and provide information on the progress that your child has made when compared to other children of the same age nationally.

The data we get from the results will help us all to work together next year to ensure your child is given the support necessary to achieve their potential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully,



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