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Dear Year 7 and 8 Parents and Carers

Year 7 and 8 Assessments

As part of our continued commitment to high quality teaching and learning we use regular assessment, in lessons, to gauge where students are in their learning and how we may need to adapt our teaching to close any gaps.

At certain points in the year we also ask students to complete more specific assessment tasks which give us a snapshot of where a student is, and what we need to do to help them move forward.

From the week beginning Monday 17th June most subjects will be getting students to complete a series of this style of assessment, most of which will be completed in classrooms, with a limited number completed in the hall.

The topics covered will be posted on ClassCharts, plus a timetable for those assessments taking place in the hall will be issued after half-term so that all students should feel fully prepared.

There are two reasons for carrying out some of these assessments in a more formal setting:

1. To assess students' learning and enabling teachers to be adaptive in their teaching.
2. To give students an early opportunity to practise sitting in the hall, under more formal conditions, therefore building and increasing students' resilience.

Teachers take all assessments undertaken during the year into account so students do not need to become unduly worried about the results of these particular assessments, they form just one part of the picture of a student's progress over the year.

We will deliver a session of study skills to students, and teachers will ensure that all students are fully prepared in all relevant subjects.

Please be assured that if your child has additional requirements the appropriate access arrangements will be put in place for them.

Thank you for your continued support, and should you have any queries about these forthcoming assessments, as always, please feel free to contact your child's Tutor in the first instance.

Thank you.

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