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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: **GL Assessments in English, maths and science**

We are writing to let you know about some in-school assessments which will take place early next week in English, maths and science. These are externally set skills assessments and are not anything for your children to be worried about, or feel they should have revised for in advance.

The GL Assessments allow us to evaluate the impact of the Key Stage 3 curriculum. Students first take these assessments in Year 7, and then again in Year 9, giving us valuable insight into their past two years of learning. The assessments are routinely carried out by many schools at the beginning of Year 7, but we wanted to let you know in advance that they will be happening on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, week commencing 8 September 2025.

The children have been told they will be sitting the assessments and need to bring in a pencil to complete the work. Over the next few weeks, they will also complete a reading test in English and computing, to help them prepare for their homework, and to give us a baseline reading age.

We will write to you again later in the term about mid-year and end of year tests, which the students will be prepared for in lessons and tutor time, with revision activities and timetables provided.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Rawlings', written in a cursive style.

Jo Rawlings
Head of Year 7

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katherine Walsh', written in a cursive style.

Katherine Walsh
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