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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: **Year 7 in-class assessments**

We hope you are well and have settled into the secondary school routine. It has been wonderful seeing your children have such a positive start to Year 7, thinking really hard in lessons and exploring new knowledge. We are proud of the way they have started the year, and teachers have been delighted with their attitude to learning.

This letter is to give you some information about in-class assessments taking place in **the final two weeks of term, starting from Monday 8 December 2025**. The assessments are across several subject areas, and cover content and skills learnt since Year 7 students first started at Tallis.

Information has been shared with students in assembly, and they will be prepared in lessons. Preparatory work or revision may be set on MCAS, and they will be told which of their lessons will be dedicated to the assessment. These take different forms, with some subjects setting formal, written assessments, whilst other subjects focus on evaluations of practical work completed in lessons.

Please support your child to prepare for their assessments by providing a quiet space for them to revise or encourage them to use the library. Please also talk to your child about their learning. Research suggests one of the best ways for children to revise for their subjects is retrieval practice, which involves students creating notes or flashcards which they can then use to test themselves.

The results of these assessments will be shared with you at **Parents' Evening on Wednesday 28 January 2026, from 15:45 - 18:30**. Please keep this date free, as it is an expectation that every child has a parent or carer attend. Parents are required to book their Parents' Evening appointments via our School Cloud portal. More information, including your unique login details, will be made available to you after the Christmas holidays.

The second set of main assessments for Year 7 will be their end-of-year tests, scheduled for week beginning Monday 08 June 2026. We will write to you again closer to the time with more details of revision topics, and how you can help your child revise for these more substantive assessments.

We understand assessments may cause worry for some students, so please remind your child to talk to their teacher, form tutor or one of us if they have any concerns. Please see a useful resource below, which we have created to help explain the assessment process to your child, if required. We will also be sharing this in tutor time with students.

Thank you for your support and please contact either of us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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# I can complete my in-class assessments at Tallis

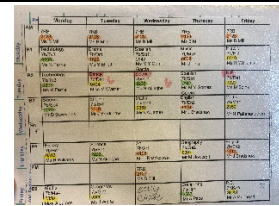
I am in Year 7 and I have to do some assessments in my classes.



This is important so that my teacher can see how I am doing.



I will go to my usual lessons on my timetable and do my assessments in my classrooms. My teacher and other adults will be there.



My teacher will tell me when to start my assessment and what I need to do.



I might feel worried - that is normal! I will try my best to answer the questions. It is OK to leave out questions I am unsure of.



It is fair to complete my assessment in silence so that everyone in the room can concentrate. If I need help, I will put up my hand.



If I can't answer all the questions, I might feel upset and this is OK. My teacher will help me to know more answers next time.



At the end of the assessment, I might feel really proud that I was disciplined and tried my best.



When I get my report in January, my parents might feel pleased that I tried my best.

