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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 in-class assessments

We hope you are well and have settled into the secondary school routine. It has been wonderful seeing so many of your children thinking really hard in lessons and exploring new knowledge as part of a positive start to Year 7. We are very proud of the way they have begun the year and teachers have been very positive about their attitude to learning.

This letter is to give you some information about in-class assessments which are taking place in the final two weeks of term, starting from Monday 09 December. These will take place across a number of subject areas and cover content and skills learnt since they began at Tallis. Information has been shared in assembly and the children will be prepared in lessons. Preparatory work or revision may be set on Bromcom and they will be told which lesson will be dedicated to the assessment. These take a number of different forms with some subjects setting a formal in-class assessments and other, more practical subjects, focusing on evaluations of work completed in lessons.

Please support your child to prepare for their assessments by providing a quiet space for them to work on any revision 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 which this year takes place on Wednesday 29 January 2025 from 15:45 – 18:30. Please keep this date free as it is an expectation that every child has a parent or carer attend. Appointments will be made available via School Cloud with further information, including login details, being emailed after the holiday.

The second set of main assessments for Year 7 this year will be their end of year tests which are scheduled to take place in the week beginning Monday 02 June 2025. We will write to you again closer to the time with more details of topics to revise and how you can help children with their revision 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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