



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with an update on the year 7 assessment calendar.

It seems like year 7 has only just begun and already I am writing to you about their first assessments. Term 2.1 is the time in the academic cycle for all students in year 7 to be assessed on their progress so far this year. Almost all subjects will be running formal assessments after the Christmas break in the fortnight beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January. I am aware that this is a calendar month away, but I feel it is important to give ample notice to parents/carers.

Assessments are nothing to worry about and, assuming the students have worked hard and applied themselves throughout the first term, they'll be absolutely fine.

Students should take these assessments seriously and prepare as per the guidance of each department. All the preparation needed for the assessment week will be set via ShowMyHomeWork (now known as SatchelONE) and resourced via MS TEAMS over the coming weeks.

In order to allow you to support your child with preparation, below is an outline of the topics being assessed:

<b>Yr 7 assessments Term 2 - 2023</b>	
<b>Art and Design</b>	Expressive self portrait
<b>Computing</b>	Scratch coding
<b>Design Technology</b>	Health and Safety in the work shop, Hand tools, marking and measuring
<b>Drama</b>	Mime picnic and holiday
<b>English</b>	Private Peaceful
<b>Food and Nutrition</b>	Health and safety in the kitchen, equipment, nutritional information and the eat well guide
<b>French</b>	Introductions, school
<b>Geography</b>	Geology
<b>History</b>	Test on Public Health and the Norman Conquest
<b>Mathematics</b>	Set 1 - 1C book, Chapters 1-4, Topics: Positive Integers, Negative Integers, Intro to Algebra, Simple Equations
<b>Mathematics</b>	Set 2 - 1B book, Chapters 1-4, Topics: Positive Integers, Negative Integers, Intro to Algebra, Simple Equations
<b>Mathematics</b>	Set 3 - 1B book, Chapters 1-4, Topics: Positive Integers, Negative Integers, Intro to Algebra
<b>Mathematics</b>	Set 4 - 1A book, Chapters 1-5, Topics: Calculations with Integers, Rounding & Estimation, BIDMAS, Intro to Algebra, Understanding Fractions
<b>Music</b>	Solo keyboard performance
<b>PE</b>	Assessment lesson observations in winter sports.
<b>Religious Studies</b>	The Christian Church
<b>Science</b>	Space, Elements and reproduction
<b>Spanish</b>	Introductions, school



The assessments will take place in lessons. Students should arrive to school with the normal equipment needed. Individual subject teachers will inform each class of when their specific assessment time/date is.

The results of the assessments will be made available to you shortly after the assessment period. This will be the ideal time to discuss any queries you may have around the assessment process and the start of the key stage 3 course.

If you have any questions around the assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me, subject teachers or your child's tutor at the school.

I wish your child all the very best of luck with this assessment window and hope you and the family have a very enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

P Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher)



## FAQ's

### Q) Can/should my child prepare for the assessments?

- A) They should follow the advice/guidance/instructions from their teachers. Use the resources and tasks they have set. They should do as much preparation as the teachers advise them to do

### Q) What if my child does badly?

- A) Assessments aren't about doing 'badly'. They tell your child, you and the school the strengths and areas for development. They inform us as to next steps advice.

### Q) What happens with the results?

- A) Schools use the information to help us plan better lessons. The outcome of the assessments will also be reported home in the monitoring cycle.

### Q) My child can't access SMHW or TEAMS, what should they do?

- a) Ask their tutor for help!! As a matter of urgency.

### Q) My child doesn't know when their assessments are, what should I do?

- a) They should look on SMHW and ask their teacher to clarify the position. If the information is still not obviously available, contact your child's tutor or Mrs Hodgson, Head of year.