



Dear Parent/Carer,

Let me start by wishing you a (belated) very happy new year. I hope you and your family managed to have a relaxing (and safe!) break over the Christmas period despite the unusual circumstances

I wrote to you before the break informing you about a planned assessment week for year 7 in this half term.

The changing situation with schools has clearly meant that I have had to review our assessment calendar (not just for year 7). I have taken the decision to postpone the assessment week for year 7. I feel at a time when students are not in school and the vast majority of learning is from home, we should focus on the core purposes of school – supporting their online learning and pastoral care to look after well-being.

For the time being, students in year 7 should not worry about any assessments. They should focus on ensuring their day follows their normal daily timetable and they engage with their subject lessons and tutor time.

When we have a clearer idea as to what the medium term plans for the reopening of schools looks like, I will reschedule the assessment week and write to you again. I will give all in year 7 plenty of notice to allow for adequate preparation.

In the meantime, please stay safe and should you have any questions around assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any questions around online learning should either be sent to individual subject teachers, your child's tutor or head of year.

Yours sincerely,

P Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher)