



Dear Parent/Carer,

My name is Pete Whitehouse and I am an Assistant Headteacher at The Emmbrook School. My main responsibilities include the assessment, recording and reporting of student progress.

The end of term has followed a less than ordinary sequence of events, but unsurprising given what 2020 has presented us with so far. I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

You should have received the term 1 monitoring (via the parent portal for most). This data would have included 'settling in' grades designed to give you an idea as to the start your child has made during their first few weeks at secondary school. If you haven't received this, please contact your child's form tutor as a matter of urgency. We have now reached the point where we can start to assess their academic progress throughout the key stage 3 National Curriculum. So, in order that we can ascertain an accurate understanding of their academic position, each child in year 7 will be sitting subject based assessments in term 2.1

The tests will take place in the week beginning 1st February. Individual subject teachers will inform each class of when their specific assessment time/date is.

All the preparation needed for the assessment week will be set via Show My HomeWork and resourced via MS TEAMS. In order to allow you to support your child with preparation, below is an outline of the topics being assessed:

	Year 7 assessment week
Art & Design	Keith Haring
Design Tech Food	Nutrition
Design Tech Textiles	Day of the Dead
English	War and Peace - Writing
Geography	Geology
History	The Norman Conquest
Mathematics	Set 1 and 2 (x and y) positive and negative integers introduction to algebra and equations Set 3 x and y and set 4x positive and negative integers introduction to algebra
MFL	Personal information
Music	Keyboard Skills
PE	X1 - X4 class topic- Net/OAA/Hock/Hand Y1-Y4 class topic - OAA/Hand/Net
Science	Elements and reproduction
Drama	Mime Picnic and Melodrama Skills
Computing	7xy/Cp1, 7xy/Cp2, 7xy/Cp4, 7xy/Cp8 Scratch 7xy/Cp3, 7xy/Cp5, 7xy/Cp7 Scratch and Spreadsheets 7xy/Cp6 Spreadsheets

If you have any questions around the assessment week, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I do not expect any student to complete work for these assessments over the Christmas break. The purpose of this letter is to give you advance notice of what is coming up next half term.

I wish you and your family a very relaxing, enjoyable and, most importantly, a safe Christmas 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 will be 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 via 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.