



Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy new year to you all. I hope you had a restful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Following on from a very successful term 1, I am writing to you with an update on the upcoming 7 year assessment week which is scheduled for the week beginning 7th February. These tests will provide the students with their first formal measure of the progress they have made since starting key stage 3.

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 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 Content	
Art & Design	Identity Project and Art History
Computing	Scratch programming Modelling using Spreadsheets
Design Tech Food	Food health & safety focusing on health and nutrition
Design Tech Textiles	Cultural based design brief culminating in appliqued final piece
Design Tech RM	Wooden construction project based on identity
Drama	Basic skills, Mime and Melodrama
English	Monsters
Geography	Geographical Skills; Geology; Population
History	The Norman Conquest
Mathematics	Set 1: Number Calculations Index notation Factors and Multiples Algebra Set 2,3 and 4 Number calculations Algebra Fractions
MFL Spanish	Introductions, personal information, school
MFL French	Introductions; personal information; likes & dislikes
Music	Pulse and Rhythm
PE	Head – To understand the benefits of leading an active lifestyle and to know how to analyse the performance of others. Heart - To be a confident leader and show hard work and resilience as a team Hands – To consistently perform a number of skills in a range of progressively challenging situations
Religious Studies	The Christian Church
Science	'Building blocks of our world' - Reproduction and Elements

The tests will take place beginning 7th February. They 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 half term. This will be the ideal time to discuss any queries you may have around the assessment process and progress through the key stage 3 course.



If you have any questions around the assessment week, 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.

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.