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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: MidYIS testing for Year 7 students

I am writing to inform you that we will be running MidYIS tests with all Year 7 students on Wednesday 14th September.

MidYIS, which stands for Middle Years Information System, is a test designed to measure ability and aptitude for learning, rather than achievement. It is not an IQ test, but is instead designed to provide a measure of 'typical' performance and therefore helps to give a broader picture of our students' abilities and potential than we get from Key Stage 2 examination results. Further, it can be used to give an expected level of attainment at GCSE and will therefore help us to set our boys challenging yet appropriate targets as they move through school.

MidYIS tests vocabulary, literacy skills, mathematical ability and non-verbal reasoning. The test is computer based and adaptive. The adaptive nature of the test means that each boy will be tested using different questions; the test automatically adapts, based on the answers students give, ensuring that all students are challenged and receive a bespoke test suited to their ability.

Once the tests are completed, results are processed by the educational research team based at Durham University's CEM (Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring) and we will share these results with you.

I would like to stress that this is not a test that boys should be revising for – the questions do not rely on memorised information – and there is no need to do any preparation whatsoever.

If you have any questions about the test, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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