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Dear Parent or Carer,

In school, we wish to assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering a series of tests to all year 7.

The series of short tests will assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

The tests have many uses and can help your child's teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for different Key Stages.

The first set of short tests will be administered the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September and each year 7 class will complete the test over one day in the week. This is to ensure appropriate cleaning can take place between different groups.

The test will require the use of headphones, we do have headphones in school, which will be cleaned after the end of each day. However, if you prefer for your son/daughter to use their own headphones, they may bring them in and keep them in their bags between tests.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Yours Faithfully

Michelle Oakley  
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