16 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**GL ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 8, 9**

I write with regard to the GL Assessments that will be taking place in the coming weeks for English, Maths and Science for all students in the above year groups.

The GL Assessments are a tool to help staff identify students’ strengths/weaknesses and where there is room for stretch and challenge. They also enable staff to be able to plan the way in which they will deliver the curriculum in the coming terms. Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19 in the last academic year these assessments are even more important as we go forward and will give the College the opportunity to look at ways in which we can further support our students.

Please assure your child that there is **no need for students to revise for the GL Assessments.** These will take place online, during lessons and in class. For your information, each assessment takes approximately an hour and a half and although students should try their best it is important that students do not worry about these assessments.

For all subject assessments, students will need to bring with them:

* **Wired Earphones/Headphones** (Bluetooth/Airplay headphones/pods will not work).

(As all assessments are online, students will need to plug into the computer their own set of headphones. The College cannot provide headphones for all students but will have a small number of spare sets available for any student who does not have a set of headphones. These sets will then need to be kept by the student for all their assessments).

* **Reading book** (students will need to bring with them a book from home to read once they have finished their assessment and while waiting for all other students to finish as the Library is currently not in use).

For Maths and Science, students will also need to bring with them **a calculator**

Attached for your information (overleaf) is a schedule starting from Monday 21 September 2020 for the next two weeks.

As I am sure you can appreciate we are looking at all ways in which we can fully support our students now they have returned to full time education and we believe that these assessments will give us a clear picture of what we need to do.

As always, thank you for your support and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Christian Cavanagh**

**EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**

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| **Year 7** |
| **Date** | **Week/Day** | **Subject** | **Form Groups** |
| 21/09/2020 | B Mon | English | 7.1 |
| 29/09/2020 | A Tue | Maths | 7.1 |
| 05/10/2020 | BMon | CATS | 7.1 |
| 22/09/2020 | B Tue | English | 7.2 |
| 25/09/2020 | B Fri | Maths | 7.2 |
| 06/10/2020 | BTue | CATS | 7.2 |
| 23/09/2020 | B Wed | English | 7.3 |
| 30/09/2020 | A Wed | Maths | 7.3 |
| 07/10/2020 | BWed | CATS | 7.3 |
| 21/09/2020 | B Mon | English | 7.4 |
| 30/09/2020 | A Wed | Maths | 7.4 |
| 09/10/2020 | BFri | CATS | 7.4 |
| 29/09/2020 | A Tue | English | 7.5 |
| 02/10/2020 | A Fri | Maths | 7.5 |
| 06/10/2020 | BTue | CATS | 7.5 |
| **Year 8** |
| **Date** | **Week/Day** | **Subject** | **Form Groups** |
| 21/09/2020 | B Mon | English | 8.1 |
| 01/10/2020 | A Thu | Maths | 8.1 |
| 25/09/2020 | B Fri | English | 8.2 |
| 30/09/2020 | A Wed | Maths | 8.2 |
| 23/09/2020 | B Wed | English | 8.3 |
| 24/09/2020 | B Thu | Maths | 8.3 |
| 22/09/2020 | B Tue | English | 8.4 |
| 28/09/2020 | A Mon | Maths | 8.4 |
| 22/09/2020 | B Tue | English | 8.5 |
| 29/09/2020 | A Tue | Maths | 8.5 |
| **Year 9** |
| **Date** | **Week/Day** | **Subject** | **Form Groups** |
| 29/09/2020 | A Tue | English | 9.1 |
| 02/10/2020 | A Fri | Maths | 9.1 |
| 30/09/2020 | A Wed | English | 9.2 |
| 08/10/2020 | B Thu | Maths | 9.2 |
| 01/10/2020 | A Thu | English | 9.3 |
| 05/10/2020 | B Mon | Maths | 9.3 |