

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 Baseline testing September 2021**

Due to the Covid –19 restrictions in the previous school year, students were unable to sit their usual SAT tests. This has caused an issue where a student’s potential ability has been difficult to assess. For this reason, Goodwin Academy have made the decision to carry out initial testing for all Year 7 students.

Baseline testing of students is to take place during the first term and will commence on **16<sup>th</sup> September 2021** and will give an indication of a student’s ability in English and Maths, which will in turn inform their setting. The baseline assessments will consist of a series of online tests, which will be take place in an ICT suite. **Students are requested to bring their own headphones for their online assessment.** In addition to the baseline tests, we will also assess current reading ages, Science and Cognitive ability throughout this term.

Once the results of the tests have been collated, students will be streamed according to their performance in these tests. This is to ensure students are taught in the groups commensurate with their current ability. The re-setting will take place, with students remaining in the same tutor groups for continuity. Grammar stream students are to be selected following the baseline testing, with successful candidates informed by letter.

Please see the table below with the confirmed dates and proposed dates for Year 7 baseline testing.

Event	Date	
Baseline Testing 1 English and Maths	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	8:50am <b>7EC</b> and <b>7IB</b> 11:05pm <b>7MC</b> and <b>7SH</b>
Baseline Testing 2 English and Maths	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	8:50am <b>7IB2</b> and <b>7MC2</b> 11:05pm <b>FN</b>
Reading Age Test	Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Testing to take place during normal English lessons
Science Baseline Testing	Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Testing to take place during normal Science lessons
Baseline Testing 3 CATs	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	8:50am <b>7EC</b> and <b>7IB</b> 11:05pm <b>7MC</b> and <b>7SH</b>
Baseline Testing 4 CATs	Friday 1st October	8:50am <b>7IB2</b> and <b>7MC2</b> 11:05pm <b>FN</b>

Should you have any questions please contact myself for further clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Kitchener

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