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Dear Parent/Carer

Years 7 – 8 Assessments

Within this letter you will find the plan for how we will assess your child's learning during this academic year.

We have used a number of information sources (such as SATs, Cognitive Ability Tests and teacher feedback) to identify a 'quartile range' that your child's performance lies within. These quartiles will become the target at Key Stage 3. The expectation is that a pupil's performance will remain within the targeted quartile to demonstrate secure learning.

All departments across the Academy will set two written assessments (January and June) per year. The only exception to this will be English, who are following a different curriculum and will be assessing in November, March and June. Assessments will be directly linked to the curriculum that has been taught in that subject area and will cover a range of content. The assessments into year 8 and eventually year 9 will also include content from previous years. Pupils will be provided with revision booklets in advance of the assessments.

These assessments are extremely important as they will show your child, you as parents and teachers, how much of curriculum has been learnt. This is very important to allow pupils to be successful, particularly for GCSEs in future years.

There will be 2 **Progress Reports** coming during 2019/20. These will report home for each subject:

- ★ Percentage score in their summative assessment
- ★ Average score for the whole year group
- ★ Current quartile (summer term only)

Parents Evenings will give parents and pupils the opportunity to fully discuss academic progress and attitude to learning habits with form tutors. The dates of these are below:

- ★ Year 7 – 30th April 2020
- ★ Year 8 – 24th October 2019 & 14th May 2020

These changes provide the Academy with an opportunity to deliver a curriculum and assessment system that is rigorous and bespoke to the needs and aspirations our wonderful pupils.

More information will be distributed to parents about the January exam series later in the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely

Emma Glover | Vice Principal