



Moorside High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope your child is settling in well to Moorside High School and the transition from primary school has been a positive one. Next week (week commencing 18th September), as with previous year groups at Moorside High School, our Year 7 students will start to sit a small number of baseline tests.

These tests will be in place of some of their normal timetabled lessons. Students will complete the tests online, in computer rooms. Students should go to their normal timetabled lessons each day, as their class teacher will lead them down to the computer room should they have a test that lesson.

Students do not need to worry about these tests or do any preparation or revision. They will be completed in a supported environment and should your child require additional support, this will be put in place. If your child does have any concerns, they should speak to their Head of Year – Mr Williams.

Students will sit one test each day. The results of these tests will support teaching staff at Moorside High School have a better understanding of individual students' skills and knowledge. The results of these tests will not be shared with parents due to the nature of the test being more aptitude based. They are merely a baseline for us at school.

Students will also be sitting a baseline assessment for Maths on Friday 15th September. In Year 7 maths, we set students based on their prior attainment and our own baseline assessment. This allows us to analyse the strengths and areas which require more development for each student, but more importantly it allows us to ensure they are in the correct class where pace and the level of support will maximise their progress. All classes follow the same curriculum at Key Stage 3, the only difference is the pace and the scaffolding that is provided to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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