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Dear Parent/Carer

Y9 and Y10 Baseline Assessments

Over the course of next week, your son/daughter will be taking two online baseline assessments, the results of which will be used to create target grades for their subjects. They do not need to prepare in advance for the assessments, the format of these is similar in style to the CAT tests that learners took prior to joining the academy.

There are two online assessments, one in English and one in mathematics, with each assessment taking up to 75 minutes to complete.

The baseline assessment in mathematics is a standardised assessment of learners' mathematical skills and knowledge which assesses two dimensions of mathematics learning:

1. Mathematical content knowledge.
2. Understanding and applying mathematical processes through reasoning and problem solving.

The baseline assessment in English is a standardised assessment of learners' technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension.

Learners will use an exam laptop and this will be set-up in the room prior to the assessment. In order for the tests to run smoothly your son/daughter **will need to bring their own earphones in with them** as due to the current restrictions with handing out equipment we will not be able to provide earphones for all learners. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Learners have been sent a timetable for the assessments so that they are informed of when they are due to take place.

Yours sincerely



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