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Dear Parent

After a fantastic first two weeks at Smithdon, I am pleased to see how well our Year 7s have settled into their new routine and are finding their way around the site as though they have been here for months.

#### Baseline Assessments

As mentioned in my previous letter, alongside our curriculum assessments, students in Year 7 will shortly be sitting a baseline assessment in English and Maths. These assessments will allow us to have a triangulated data approach, check students are in the correct class and help provide additional data to set students appropriate targets for the end of Key Stage Four.

Each paper is an hour long and will be completed on a computer. The students will sit the papers at the following times:

- Tuesday 21 September Period 5 – Maths Paper 1
- Monday 27 September Period 1 – Maths Paper 2
- Thursday 30 September – Period 1 - English Reading

Please note: students who miss an assessment due to unavoidable absence will be required to catch up at an alternative time.

#### What do we get from these?

Once completed, the students will receive a question-level analysis that identifies areas of weakness and strength across all three papers. These are useful as they provide teachers with information to best support your child and to plan an effective curriculum. They also give the students individualised information to help focus their future study.

#### Preparation

Although the papers will not be completed in Maths and English lessons, we will support the students ahead of the assessment dates and provide examples of practice questions for them so they know what to expect before the assessment. The students do not need to revise for these assessments, but they may wish to practise further at home.

To access the practice questions, please visit [www.baselinetests.com](http://www.baselinetests.com) where students can then sign in using their school email address and the following codes;

Maths Paper 1 Practice – 624MA4P  
Maths Paper 2 Practice – 624MA5P  
English Reading Practice – 624RE4P

Once they have accessed a paper, students have two hours to complete/explore the questions before the website blocks access to the paper. If students wish to revisit the paper, they will need to ask me to have their paper re-assigned to them.

If you have any questions about this assessment please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly by email on [c.chapman@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:c.chapman@smithdonhigh.org.uk) or by phoning the main school office.



Yours sincerely

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