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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 7 Assessments

You will be well aware due to the coronavirus pandemic and school closures in the summer term of the last academic year, our Year 7 students did not sit any Key Stage 2 SATs exams. Usually we would have used this information to help inform teachings and how we set our students when they join us. The Year 7s have settled incredibly well into the academy and we feel we are now in a position to assess them so that we can gain some valuable information to allow us to teach them more effectively.

As a result, over the next 3 weeks our Year 7 students will be sitting a series of tests. In the absence of KS2's results, we will be running these tests to identify the support students might need during their time here at TNHA. From these assessments, we can identify strengths and areas for development as well as set appropriate support and challenge in lessons.

There are three test papers to complete, each taking no more than 50 minutes. The assessments are completed on line and will take place during the academy day. Students will be given a timetable of the tests in form time on Wednesday.

These tests do not require any revision or preparation and I would be grateful if you could reassure your child that they have nothing to worry about from these assessments. The papers look at a student's ability to express ideas and reason through words, problem-solve using pictures and diagrams, think and draw conclusions in three dimensions, and use numerical skills to solve problems.

As these are online tests, we would encourage any students who have their own headphones to bring these into school for the exams. We can lend out headphones if needed but appreciate that in current circumstances student and parents may prefer students to use their own equipment.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully



**Miss Emily Thomason**  
**Vice Principal**