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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Maths baseline assessment

I am writing to say that Year 7 have had a wonderful start to the year in maths and the department are enjoying being back in the classroom and getting to know our new students.

As students were unable to complete any formal assessments at the end of Year 6, we are performing baseline assessments in maths lessons in order for us to collect a maths starting point for each student. These assessments will be over 3 papers and while they are **not** SATS, we are using a test with a similar layout and style of those assessments to ensure they are familiar to the students. Form classes MICH will complete their assessments on 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September and Form classes AELS will complete theirs on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. As these are baseline assessments students do not need to do any preparation for them, as a department we need to know what students can and cannot do so that we are able to support their progress moving forward.

The results of these baseline assessments will be raw scores and will be held internally to help track progress and enable curriculum planning. The scores will be used alongside primary teacher assessments and current teacher assessments to establish maths sets in each half of the year. It is important each student is in the correct set to ensure they are being challenged and supported in every lesson. We understand that all students respond differently in test conditions so we will review students' progress regularly and adjust setting arrangements as needed. Students will only be placed in sets for maths and will remain in their tutor group for all other subjects this year.

If you have any questions or queries about this process please contact myself or Mrs S Hanson who is the Assistant Curriculum Lead for Mathematics.

Yours sincerely,



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