

September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Next week (WC 04.10.21) our Year 7 students will complete a short progress assessment for English and maths. The English assessment covers reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar. The maths assessment covers written and mental arithmetic strategies and applying mathematical skills questions. Both assessments match the formatting of the KS2 assessments students would have typically sat at the end of Year 6. These assessments will be completed on computers during normal lessons. Students do not need to do any extra work at home in preparation for the assessments. We will use the results of the assessments to help inform our teaching over the coming year.

Year 7 students will be sitting two similar assessments in English and maths at the end of this academic year to help inform us of the progress that they have made over the year.

We continue to be very proud of the strong partnerships between our school and the wider community of schools, and therefore, we would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in enabling us to create such a smooth transition for our Y7 students as they moved to us from their primary schools. Despite the challenges of the last academic year, they have started their journey at Winterhill with enthusiasm and they should all be very proud of the superb start they have had.

Yours sincerely



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