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All Year 7 Parents/Carers

Dear Parent / Carer

As you will be aware, the Government has made significant changes to the National Curriculum across all primary and secondary Key Stages and to external and school based assessment relating to this.

As National Curriculum levels are no longer applicable to the new programmes of study for students in Year 7-9, schools have been instructed to find alternative methods to assess and report attainment and progress during Key Stage 3.

This year we have started to use our new system of assessment without levels. Using information from Key Stage 2 tests (scaled scores) and the information from CAT tests taken in September, we have made a judgement about the band of attainment your child should be aiming for during Year 7. Each child has been placed in one of four bands of attainment for each subject:

- **Working towards** the expected standard of attainment for Year 7
- **Working at** the expected standard of attainment for Year 7
- **Working above** the expected standard of attainment for Year 7
- Working at an **exceptional standard** of attainment for Year 7

These bands of attainment are defined by a series of subject specific statements for each subject your child will study in Year 7. These statements will be used to assess students' attainment and progress through the year and will be displayed in class and in students' books.

Each report you receive throughout Year 7 will show which of the four bands your child is currently working in for each subject and this will be matched against their target band of attainment.

Yours faithfully

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