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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that all new year 7 students will be completing spelling, reading and initial core subject transfer tests (Maths, English and Science) in lesson time during the first few weeks of the Autumn term. We feel it is vital that a formal, standardised, diagnostic assessment is completed during their first half term with us. After a disruptive year in education we are aware that students may need additional support as they transition from primary to secondary study. Furthermore, with the absence of any SATs results it makes it more difficult to fully diagnose any transition difficulties. The outcomes of these tests will give us more detailed information about your child and how best to support and challenge them to be the best they can be. They will inform our teaching and are not typically shared with parents.

What are transition tests?

The transition tests are commonly used across schools and are a way of assessing students' current understanding against the national expected average.

At BGLC the results will help us decide about the pace of learning that is right for each student and what additional support or challenge may be required to allow every child to reach their full potential.

It is important to note that students do not need to revise for these tests.

Equipment needed for the tests

Students will get instructions before each test. Students will complete all tests on a computer and will need headphones to listen to the instructions. We will not be able to provide headphones for all students, so if your child has their own headphones, please can they bring them into school on the days they have the tests. The first test (Science) will be run during their first day with us (**Wednesday 25th August**). The connector needed for our computers look like this (wireless headphones will not work):



Further information about the test schedule will be provided at the start of term.

Kind regards

Carol Hubbard

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