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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that all Year 7 students are completing spelling, reading and initial core subject transfer tests in Maths and English. These are happening in lesson time during the first few weeks of this Autumn term. These tests are not timed so that students are able to go through them at their own pace.

We feel it is vital that a formal, standardised, diagnostic assessment is completed during their first half term with us. 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 will be shared with parents in the first report.

### 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.**

Kind regards,

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