

30th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Baseline Assessments – Year 7

I am writing to inform you that during the week beginning 5th October all year 7 students will undertake baseline assessments in English, Maths, Science, Reading, Spelling and CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests). These are part of the GLS Progress Test Series and more information can be found using the website below:

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/progress-test-series/>

The tests will take place during the school day throughout a timetabled lesson and will follow the timetable below. Each test is approximately 40 minutes long.

Day	Test
Monday 5 th October	English
Tuesday 6 th October	Maths
Wednesday 7 th October	Science
Thursday 8 th October	Reading and Spelling
Friday 9 th October or Monday 12 th October	CATS

I would like to reassure you that the series of tests are nothing to worry about and they are not something that students need to revise for. These, in addition to other earlier assessment strategies will provide us with a baseline starting point in each subject and allow us to identify any gaps in knowledge that they may have as a result of school closures in Year 6. These gaps can then be addressed throughout their first year at Heron Hall.

Once we have received the results, we will disseminate the information to yourselves.

Best wishes



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