Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 7 Student,

I hope your son/daughter has had an enjoyable start to St Josephs Catholic Academy.

In the week of the 5th of October, we plan to assess students using a computer-adaptive assessment. This assessment will take approximately 50 minutes and be based around Literacy and Numeracy skills. It is not something students need to prepare for. This assessment will provide us with baseline information on each student’s aptitude as well as information on strengths and areas for development.

Currently students are taught their subjects in tutor groups to help with the transition into secondary school but also because we do not have the Key Stage 2 (year 6) assessment data we normally use to group students. We will use this new assessment information, alongside transition data from primary schools, to create teaching sets for students after the October half term. Students and parents will not receive a copy of these results.

There will of course be other assessment points across the year where we will review your son/daughter’s set and make any necessary changes.

Kind regards,

Mr. D. McGuinness

Assistant Head Teacher – Data and Curriculum