Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 7 Student,

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

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.

Over the coming weeks we plan to assess students using a computer diagnostic assessment. There will be three sections each 45 minutes long. It is not something students need to prepare for and no equipment is needed. Students and parents will not receive a copy of any results.

This assessment will support their current classroom learning by providing us with baseline information on each student’s aptitude as well as information on strengths and areas for development. We will use this information, alongside other in school assessment data and transition data from primary schools, to create future teaching groups.

We will assess students regularly across their time at St Joseph’s in order to track progress, support their learning and review student teaching groups.

Kind regards,

Mr. D. McGuinness

Assistant Head Teacher