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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you ahead of your child's **Year 9 End of Year Assessments**, to provide you with some key information. We hope that the information included in the booklet attached helps you to understand our assessment process as well as provide you with resources and information to allow you to support your child at home.

Firstly, it is important to recognise that we assess students all the time in the classroom. This helps us to identify what students can and cannot do, so that students and teachers know whether pupils are secure and can move on, or whether additional practise or teaching is required. In its simplest form, every question asked that checks for understanding is a form of assessment. Students will show their understanding in lessons in a whole range of ways, such as, through 'Do Now' tasks at the beginning of the lesson or showing what they know on mini-whiteboards or engaging in low stakes quizzes or longer pieces of writing.

End of year assessments seek to answer bigger questions about how well pupils are doing, such as what they have learned and retained over time. How does that compare to their peers? Are they making the progress that would be expected?

One advantage of being part of a large multi-academy trust is that we sit standardised assessments. This enables us to see how students in our school are performing compared to similar students in other schools.

Assessments are important because they provide us with valuable information:

- They tell us (students and teachers) what has been successfully learned and where there are gaps in learning that we need to address,
- They inform setting and grouping for the future. Set changes ensure your child is in a group which provides enough support and challenge,
- They enable us to report to parents in a meaningful way so that you know what progress students are making.

We hope that the information provided with this letter communicates all that you need to know. However, should you have any questions about your child's end of year assessments please do not hesitate to get in touch. Information on how to get in touch has been shared with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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