

16 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first few weeks as a student at Darton Academy. In order to best support your child's progression with us, they will complete a baseline assessment in their core curriculum areas, English and Maths. The results of these assessments will enable us to support students across their curriculum and will enable us to identify any gaps in their learning and where intervention may be needed.

These assessments will take place during their normal timetabled English and Mathematics lesson during the week commencing Monday 21st September and will be completed on a computer.

The English assessment looks at the ability of students to decode what they read and comprehend and they will also apply their understanding to an unseen text. The Mathematics assessment will assess key skills which students have learnt from KS2 including mental arithmetic.

We will be speaking to your child in school about these assessments through a form time assembly where we will be encouraging all students to try their best.

Following the assessments, our Year 7 settling in evening will take place on Thursday 22nd October and will be virtual. Here there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's results with members of the English and Maths department. We will explain what the results mean for you child and the intervention strategies we will put in place to support where needed. We will also explore how to support your child in developing their reading skills further.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's baseline assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me: chipchaseE@dartonacademy.org.uk

Kind regards,

E. Chipchase

Mrs E Chipchase
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