

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to explain what I am asking children in Year 7 to complete on Friday afternoon, during Period 5, in place of their usual learning activities.

On Friday, your son/daughter will be sitting an online assessment that will provide us with a better understanding of their ability, to help us plan and structure how we can support your son/daughter's learning as they progress through the rest of this academic year and beyond.

The assessment is called the Computer Adaptive Baseline Test (CABT) from Cambridge CEM. The assessment covers literacy, mathematics and some general skills – it does not require any revision. This test would normally be carried out at school, but because of the interruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are requesting for it to be carried out by your son/daughter at home.

For your son/daughter to benefit most from this assessment, it is vital it is carried out without any outside assistance. It will not have an impact on future grades, nor will it have an impact on decisions around setting. It is, therefore, important that each child completes the assessment to the best of their own ability, lest any skewed results lead to support opportunities missed further down the line. Cambridge CEM have been informed as to the children who have access rights and this will be reflected in the assessments these individuals will complete.

In order to sit the assessment, you will need to provide your child with a quiet area where they can take the assessment alone, along with a laptop connected to the internet. The Academy will provide an email with a web link to the assessment, and a pass key. Students will only be able to sit the assessment once. It is vital to the proper running and analysis of the results that the assessment is completed by the children alone. Being an adaptive test, the questions will change in line with the individual's responses.

I will send a second communication with details of your child's password and how to access. If you have any questions about this assessment, please do contact me by email at philip.hart@holbrookacademy.org

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Hart
Assistant Headteacher

