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Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 7 Student,

We have been pleased to welcome our new Year 7 students – they have made a fantastic start to their time at St Wilfrid's.

Our Year 7 students are currently following a timetable where they are taught the majority of subjects in tutor groups to help with their transition into secondary school. However, following the October half term break we will move the students into their teaching groups for lessons. Tutor groups will remain as they are, with your child continuing to have a tutorial session with their tutor each morning. All Year 7 students are currently undertaking lessons relating to Mandarin culture on a carousel basis; these lessons will end at October half term.

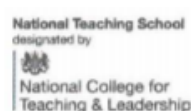
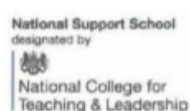
In order to inform the movement of students into their new teaching groups we will assess them using an electronic Cognitive Ability Assessment. The CAT4 Test from GL Assessment will give us an acute understanding of each student's potential. This data is considered alongside any other assessments made throughout the year, formal or informal, to inform our teaching. With the absence of SATS information this year, the CAT4 along with information from your child's primary school teachers will provide an excellent basis for us to ensure that your child gets the very best provision in an appropriate teaching group. Students in two of the teaching groups will be selected to study Mandarin Chinese as an additional language to Spanish throughout KS3.

The assessments will be completed during the fortnight commencing Monday 27 September and will take place during timetabled lessons. There are three separate 45-minute assessments. Your child is not required to do any preparation work for the assessments and no equipment is needed.

I would like to reassure you that there is no need for your child to be concerned or worried about these assessments; the information gathered will support us in meeting the needs of our individual students. We will continue to assess students regularly throughout their time at St Wilfrid's in order to track progress, support students in their learning and review student teaching groups.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Maxwell
Assistant Headteacher



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