

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 7 Baseline Testing

From this September, King Edward's has introduced a new assessment and grading system in school to replace National Curriculum levels; in line with government policy. This new system is called "Assessment without Levels". For some subjects, Key Stage 3 pupils are placed onto a particular 'flightpath' based on their ability and minimum expected grade at GCSE. Details of how flightpaths will work can be found attached to this letter or on the school website.

To give us an accurate picture of your child's current attainment level they will be sitting a number of baseline tests in English, Maths and Science. These tests will take place during the week commencing 10th October 2016. All pupils have been given an individual statement of entry which details times and seat numbers for the tests. Most students will take their test in the Main Hall. The tests will be independently marked and will help decide which flightpath your child will be placed on. We also take into account students' performance in KS2 SATs, the teacher assessments and information from primary schools, and current classwork; so we will look at a range of data on all our students. Pupils will be given guidance by form tutors and teaching staff on what to do and where to go on each day.

We will continue to monitor pupil progress to ensure that students are in the right class, learning the right things at the right time, according to their academic development.

If you have any queries or questions about the "flightpaths" or the baseline tests, please feel free to contact myself or the Assistant Headteacher responsible for assessments in school, Ms Knights.

The tests will take place as follows:

Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 11 th October	9.00am	English
Tuesday 11 th October	11.00am	Mathematics
Wednesday 12 th October	9.00am	Science

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Lomas
Leader of Year 7