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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Progress Tests in Maths and English

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming **Progress Tests in maths and English for Year 9 students**. The Progress Tests in Maths and English are designed to assess each student's attainment in these subjects. These assessments are tailored to the age of the child and the outcomes are reviewed against national averages, providing essential insights into the progress of your child in these key subject areas. The outcomes will be used to inform future lessons, provide bespoke feedback and timely intervention, and ensure that the curriculum is planned effectively to support your child in achieving their academic potential in order to shape their GCSE pathway.

These Progress Tests will be taking place during English and Mathematics lessons over the next **two weeks**.

In order to gather purposeful insights to best support your child's progress, it is essential that students attend school during these weeks, and continue to **attend every day from 08.20 am** in line with academy policy. National statistics demonstrate a powerful, direct link between school attendance and higher academic achievement in secondary students, with students who regularly attend throughout secondary school being more than twice as likely to achieve grades 9-4 in key subjects.

If you require any assistance in getting your child to attend school, please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to help and support you in any way we can. Thank you once again for your cooperation and support in ensuring that your child attends the academy every day, including during these scheduled Progress Tests.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cox
Assistant Principal