



# Bottisham Village College

Achievement through Inspiring, Caring, Enriching

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a College, we understand the importance of identifying and addressing the needs of each individual student in order to maximise their potential. As part of this process, we will be carrying out some assessments with students in Year 7 to allow us to further explore their needs and how we can best help them learn and achieve.

Students will sit the following assessments:

Assessment	Details
Maths Progress Test	A standardised assessment of students' mathematical skills and knowledge. The progress test assesses two dimensions of maths learning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mathematical content knowledge</li> <li>2. Understanding and applying mathematical processes through reasoning and problem solving</li> </ol>
English Progress Test	The Progress Test in English is a standardised assessment that is in two parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A test of English Skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation)</li> <li>2. A test of reading comprehension based on a single passage</li> </ol>
Science Progress Test	The Progress Test in Science is a standardised assessment of students' knowledge and understanding of science, as well as their application of this knowledge and understanding. Their ability to work scientifically is also assessed.
Reading	The reading assessment consists of three parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentence completion</li> <li>• Phonics (depending on the response to the sentence completion part)</li> <li>• Reading comprehension</li> </ul>
Attitudes towards school	This is an all-age attitudinal survey that provides a measurement of a student's attitudes towards themselves as learners and their attitudes towards school. This is used widely by schools to help identify barriers to learning, in order to ensure student wellbeing and positive outcomes.



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Students will complete these assessments between **Tuesday 20 September - Friday 30 September.**

Please note that students will need plug in headphones for some of these assessments. They may bring their own or, alternatively, headphones can be provided.

It is important to emphasise that no preparation is necessary for these assessments. It is also important that your child does not become anxious about sitting these assessments and is reassured that they just need to answer the questions as best they can on the day.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

**Mrs C Eastwood**  
**Assistant Principal**

