

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian

## Year 7 MidYIS Assessments

At The Warriner School we are committed to ensuring all students learn as effectively as possible with the most appropriate level of pace and challenge for their skills and abilities. We usually receive end of Key Stage 2 test results as well as Year 6 teacher assessments of performance in key subjects, however given the broad range of subjects taught at Key Stage 3 and related specialist provision it is useful to have further information on students' skills that can be applied to their entire curriculum. Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 Pandemic the Key Stage 2 information has been reduced and for that reason early assessment is important.

At the start of September we will be asking all Year 7s to complete a nationally recognised aptitude assessment known as the MidYIS (Middle Years Information System). MidYIS assesses key cognitive areas which research shows are linked to later academic outcomes. The assessment comprises four separate, timed modules, always following the same order of vocabulary, mathematics, non-verbal and skills:

- Vocabulary – word fluency and understanding
- Mathematics – logical thinking, manipulating numbers and numerical concepts
- Non-verbal ability – recognising shapes, matching patterns, applying spatial awareness and visual intuition
- Skills – such as proofreading, and perceptual speed and accuracy

The assessment can also provide an indicator of any previously unidentified learning needs.

The online test will take place during a Computer Science lesson during week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Your child **will not need to revise** for the test and the results are not published – they are purely a mechanism to ensuring the right level of support and challenge for all students. As the assessment is adaptive, **each student sees a unique assessment and is challenged at a level that is suitable for them**; previous students have reported the tests as being quite fun!

I will brief all students during their tutor based assemblies and offer plenty of advice and reassurance to ensure that students do not feel anxious about the experience. However if you do have any questions about the process then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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