

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Baseline assessments for Year 9.

Following the disruption to regular school life for pupils during the coronavirus pandemic, we are aware that many of our pupils have missed out on some of their learning during the first part of their secondary education. As Year 9 pupils enter the main phase of their GCSE studies, we would like to have a good understanding of their current achievement, what they could achieve in Year 11 and where they may need further help to make progress.

Our Year 9 pupils will therefore be taking a Yellis test in school on **Thursday 8 July**. Yellis assesses skills in vocabulary, mathematics and matching patterns.

The pupils will complete one 50 minute test using our Chromebooks. They do not need to prepare or revise for the assessment

From this assessment, we will be able to:

- Have valuable information about the potential of each of our pupils
- Carefully consider what GCSE grades our pupils should be aiming for
- Identify any areas that individual pupils struggle with and put in place support to help them

Thank you for your continued support. As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Bradley
Associate Assistant Headteacher