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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has had a good first term of the academic year. I am writing to update you about some assessments that all pupils in year 9 will be taking after Christmas.

Personalised assessments in reading and numeracy are taken by all learners in years 2 to 9 each year in all maintained schools in Wales. I am sure you will be familiar with these from primary school and year 7 and 8; they provide feedback on students' reading and numeracy skills so that students, their teachers and their parents/carers can understand where they are in their learning journey.

Pupils in Year 9 will be completing these assessments at some point during the weeks beginning Monday 5th January and Monday 12th January. They will access them online via Hwb on school chromebooks during normal maths and English lessons, having had an opportunity to practise sample questions in advance. There is nothing additional that students need to do outside of their maths and English lessons to prepare for these assessments.

We appreciate that any mention of 'assessment' can cause some anxiety but want to reassure you that these are designed to provide information and move learning forward. These assessments will give a snapshot of student understanding and progress in key topics and skills, helping teachers to see what students can do and what areas they may need to work on as we progress through the academic year. Teachers will use this information to support your child's progress by planning for their next steps in learning.

If you would like more information about the personalised assessments, there are some helpful videos from the Welsh Government here: <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Feedback from these assessments will be available to you via the students Hwb account as soon as they have completed them in school. If pupils are absent or miss one of these assessments, we will arrange a catch up session for them at a later date.

Whilst I am writing, I also wanted to remind you that GCSE option choices must be made by **Friday 12th December**. Students have all been emailed the link to the google form. All the information you need can be found on the school website but if you have any questions about this or the personalised assessments, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Achievement Leader, Mrs B Simmons or Head of Lower School, Mrs L Richards.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Greenwood". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the "Kind Regards," text.

Mrs E Greenwood

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