



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

MidYIS Test

Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you that we will be running MidYIS tests with all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils next week (W/C 27 September). These will take place in one of the timetabled Maths lessons on either Monday or Tuesday.

MidYIS, which stands for Middle Years Information System, is a test designed by Durham University's CEM (Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring) which is the same organisation that provides the Grammar School Entry Test which your son is likely to have sat. We are asking these two year groups to sit this test as part of our target-setting measures as neither cohort was able to sit Key Stage 2 SATs.

The MidYis test is designed to measure ability and aptitude for learning, rather than achievement. It can be used to help the School determine challenging yet appropriate targets for pupils as they move through school. The information provided by MidYis will only be one element used in the target setting process the School uses and we will also consider baseline assessments sat in individual subjects as well as teachers' professional judgement when finalising any target grades.

MidYIS tests vocabulary, literacy skills, mathematical ability and non-verbal reasoning. The test is computer-based and adaptive. The adaptive nature of the test means that each pupil will be tested using different questions; the test automatically adapts, based on the answers students give, ensuring that all students are challenged and receive a bespoke test suited to their ability.

I would like to stress that this is not a test that pupils should be revising for – the questions do not rely on memorised information – and there is no need to do any preparation whatsoever. If you have any questions about the test, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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