

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

To further support the needs of our students and helping them to learn and achieve to the best of their ability, we will be administering a series of Progress Tests (PT Series) to students in Year 7.

The Progress Test Series helps us to accurately measure how students are performing in English and maths against the national benchmark and all secondary schools in The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) will be taking these tests. They are easy-to-use tests, which will assess knowledge, understanding and application of the core curriculum subjects, helping us to understand current levels of attainment and identify any gaps in learning at both an individual and cohort level.

No preparation is necessary: it is important that your child does not become anxious as no prelearning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

The tests start week beginning Monday 14 February 2022. **Please find enclosed the timetable for the assessments**. We will reassess English and maths again at the end of year 7 to measure and track progress. We will assess performance in science at this time as well.

The tests will be taken in the main hall under test conditions using Chrome Books. Students are expected to be fully prepared for all assessments with the **correct equipment**, which includes:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser

Pencil sharpener

Scientific calculator

- Pencil case
- They must bring their own headphones to use for the tests.

After the assessment is finished, we will be in touch again with the results and our plans, if any, for further follow up.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people fulfil their potential at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.

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| Yours faithfully, | | < | |

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