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Dear Parents/ Guardians

### **GL Assessments for KS3**

As part of your child's learning journey at The Portsmouth Academy, KS3 students will be completing a series of assessments this year that will help us understand their skills, attitudes and learning potential through a variety of online tests. They are provided by GL and the tests that will take place over the coming half term include:

Tests	What it's for	Who will complete them
PASS	Pupils Attitude to Self and School	Year 7,8,9 (Autumn and Summer)
CAT4	Cognitive Ability Tests	Year 7 only (Autumn)
PTM and PTE	Progress Tests in Maths and English	Years 7 and 8 (Autumn and Summer)
PTS	Progress Tests in Science	Year 7 only (Autumn term) Year 8 only (Summer term)

These tests are completed online and at school using the one:one devices; each assessment is slightly different and there is no preparation needed beforehand as each assessment is designed to look at their skills.

The first set of assessments taking place are the Year 7 CAT4 tests which will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> (7BAL, 7KIR, 7CHH, 7CAL) and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September (7PAN, 7BOD, 7YOU, 7GRN, 7AVI). Please ensure your child's laptop is adequately charged before school and provide a set of cabled headphones to use with the device. Information about the CAT4 tests and what they are for, please click this [LINK](#).

Following the CAT4 tests, the PASS tests will be completed across the whole of KS3 for years 7,8 and 9. The PASS tests look at how a pupil feels about themselves, their engagement with the curriculum, and their feelings about school, as a result we are able to look at additional ways to support your child to be successful in their learning and attitudes to school and self. Information on the PASS tests can be found here: [LINK](#).

If you have any questions about the GL assessments, please direct them to our central email: [office@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk) or via your child's tutor.

Many thanks,



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