



Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that your child enjoyed a productive induction programme last week and were able to settle into the routines and expectation of the school. In this second week, all pupils will follow their full timetable and engage with challenging curriculums in all their subjects.

In the third week of term, we will commence the baseline testing of all pupils. This is not unique to Buile Hill, most schools will use the results of baseline assessments in addition to their prior attainment scores from primary school SATS to set ambitious target for the outcomes of their GCSE courses.

Your child will complete three separate one-hour assessments. They are all completed online using multiple choice answers and can be briefly summarised as below.

1. **CAT4** – cognitive ability assessments assessing areas such as verbal and non-verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and spatial understanding.
2. **NGRT** – a standardised assessment used to establish reading skills.
3. **PASS** – the results of this assessment allow the school to anticipate and provide pastoral support in the right way.

The results of the assessments are not shared with yourselves as parents and carers. As outline earlier they will be used as part of the school target setting process.

The schedule for the baseline assessments is shown below.

Date	Form
Monday 18 th September	7 Sadat
Tuesday 19 th September	7 Nixon
Wednesday 20 th September	7 McColgan
Thursday 21 st September	7 Prady
Friday 22 nd September	7 Strange
Monday 25 th September	7 Eccles
Tuesday 26 th September	7 Daykin

I understand that despite this letters intention to keep you fully informed that both yourselves and your child may have apprehensions regarding these assessments. Please contact me by email ian.haslam@consilium-at.com if you want further information or reassurance.

Yours sincerely,

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