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Dear Parent/Carer,

To ensure students are successful at our Academy, it is key that communication between the academy, our students and their parents/carers is clear. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some key dates regarding assessment and reporting for your child's first Assessment Round (AR).

The first round of assessments for Year 7 will take place from Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November (this is in addition to the GL assessments that you have already been informed of).

The aim of assessment at Key Stage 3 in the academy is to:

- ❖ Ensure students are GCSE ready at the end of KS3
- ❖ Allow students to assess exactly what they can and can't do
- ❖ Allow class teachers to identify class and individual strengths and areas for development
- ❖ Help students, families and teachers to judge whether a student is making progress across all subject areas

I would appreciate your support in encouraging students to prepare effectively for these assessments. Students will be provided with revision materials and where possible staff will make these available on Google classroom. Students will be told when their assessment for each subject will be and therefore will need to plan their revision around this.

After completing their assessments students will take part in a rigorous improvement phase to ensure that any gaps in their learning are filled before moving on.

Y7 form tutors will also be conducting settling in phone calls which will take place between Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. These phone calls will provide you with some key information about how your child has settled into life at the academy and will include information about the number of house points earned and their attitude to learning across their different subjects. Please ensure that you complete and return the letter from Mr Harrington stating your availability to receive a phone call from your child's form tutor.

Ormiston Meridian Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



Key Dates

GL Assessments	Week beginning 12 th October
Y7 Settling in phone-calls	Tuesday 20 th October and Thursday 22 nd October
Y7 Settling in reports	Week beginning 2 nd November
Revision materials issued	Week beginning 19 th October
AR1 starts	Monday 2 nd November
AR1 ends	Friday 13 th November
Data Driven Improvement lessons	Monday 9 th November to Friday 20 th November
Y7 Progress reports	Week beginning 30 th November

If you have any questions regarding any information in the letter please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Blundred
Director of Key Stage 3 Achievement

