



DUNBAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Standardised Assessments - Norming Study

Dear parent/carer

Over the next three weeks, all S3 students will be completing the Scottish National Standardised Assessments. These are baseline assessments that all students in P1, P4, P7 and S3 complete. Students will complete an assessment in Numeracy, Reading and Writing.

Assessments will take place on a laptop during English and Maths lessons. For most students each assessment can be completed within a lesson but extra time can be given if required and students are encouraged not to rush their responses.

Students do not have to revise or prepare for these assessments. The assessments are used as part of routine teaching and learning to help teachers understand how well your young person is progressing and to plan next steps. As a school, we will use the data gathered as part of a body of evidence to plan improvements in literacy and numeracy provision.

The assessments are adaptive, which means that if a student is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a student is doing well, the questions will become more challenging. In this way, the assessments establish student's capacity without them having to face lots of questions that are too easy or too hard for them to answer. There is no pass or fail and they will have no impact on student pathways for next session.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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