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Upcoming Progress Tests

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the coming days, students in **year 7 to 9** will be participating in the standardised **GL Assessment Progress Test Series**. These core assessments help us evaluate student attainment and growth across English, Mathematics, and Science.

What is the GL Progress Test Series?

The Progress Test Series is a widely respected, standardised assessment suite used to measure a child's current knowledge and tracking year-on-year development. The digital tests will be completed at school on computers.

The children will complete three distinct assessments:

- **Progress Test in English (PTE):** Focuses heavily on reading comprehension, alongside technical skills like spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- **Progress Test in Maths (PTM):** Evaluates mathematical understanding, problem-solving abilities, and core mathematical reasoning.
- **Progress Test in Science (PTS):** Assesses scientific knowledge, understanding of scientific inquiry, and working scientifically across biology, chemistry, and physics.

Why do we use these assessments?

Please reassure your child that these are not pass/fail examinations. There is no need to feel anxious.

We use the diagnostic data to:

- **Track Individual Growth:** Measure how much progress your child has made over the school year.
- **Identify Gaps & Strengths:** Pinpoint exactly where your child excels or where they might need a little extra support.
- **Inform Teaching:** Allow teachers to tailor future lessons and resources directly to the needs of the class.

How can you help at home?

No special revision or preparation is required. The tests are designed to gauge natural curriculum progression. The best ways to support your child are to:

1. Ensure they get a **good night's sleep** before school.
2. Provide a **healthy, filling breakfast** each morning.
3. Encourage them to simply **do their best** and view it as a way to show what they know.

Next Steps and Results

Once the assessment window closes, the results will be carefully reviewed by our academic team alongside regular classroom work. Individual progress summaries will be shared with you during our regular reporting cycle later this term.

If you have any questions or feel your child requires specific accommodations, please reach out to Mrs Gordon via email on mgordon@looea.net, who will be overseeing the assessments.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ed Gilbert

Assistant Headteacher