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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 7 students for the fantastic start they have made to studying maths at Downlands. As a department, we are delighted with the enthusiasm they have put into their studies; particularly considering the challenging circumstances of 2020.

At the moment students are being taught maths in their mixed ability tutor groups. Normally this would continue until the February half term. This year, however, we will be bringing the process of streaming forward to the first few weeks after the holidays. The reason for this is the fact that we are prohibited, due to Covid-19 restrictions, from circulating the class in order to help students individually. By streaming the students at this point we feel we will be able to make sure the lessons are pitched at the right level and pace for each student.

In order to aid the streaming process, all students in Year 7 will be sitting an assessment in the first week of the new term. Teachers have spent the first term getting to know the students, so setting will be based on a mixture of test results and teacher judgement.

I have attached a list of topics and Hegarty clips for students to look through to help prepare them for this assessment. I am not suggesting that they revise all topics, but pick three to look over that they are unsure of.

Once classes have been determined, they are not permanent, and changes often happen throughout the year to ensure that students are in the class that means they can make the best progress.

Yours faithfully

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