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Dear S1 Parent/Carer

Baseline Assessment

As part of the drive to provide appropriate support for pupils and to raise attainment, Aberdeenshire Council conducts baseline assessment or standardised assessments with all pupils at various stages during their school life.

Schools use the data from baseline assessment to support progress and raise attainment with year groups and with individual pupils. The data can help us to improve the quality of the pupils' learning experience and to set appropriate targets for improvement.

During the weeks commencing 18th and 25th September, all S1 pupils at Banchory Academy will complete an electronic baseline assessment covering mathematics, vocabulary and a range of verbal and non-verbal skills. No preparation is required. The assessment is administered by Durham University and it will provide us with data on year group attainment levels and individual results. Any pupil who is absent during this week will complete the assessment soon after returning to school.

Later in the session, you will be notified of the date of a Parents' Information Evening. The purpose of that evening will be to explain the Baseline Assessment process and provide you with a printout of your child's results.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the Baseline Assessment project.

Yours faithfully,

Scott Phimister
Depute Rector