



24 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 7 Assessments

I would just like to say a massive congratulations to your daughter for their consistent hard work, positive attitude to learning and resilience this half-term. Students have transitioned to life in secondary school extraordinarily well and it has been lovely to watch them develop new friendships and take on new challenges with their learning.

We have had lots of fun so far this year. The Year 7 social (including some questionable dance moves by Form Tutors), the Matilda sing-along and all of the extracurricular activities that students have been participating in. I was also delighted to see such a large number of Year 7 students helping out at Open Evening and already demonstrating their commitment to our school community.

Within PSHCE this term, students have been covering an introduction to PSHCE and how it relates to their lives including developing resilience, managing change and organisation. Following the half-term break we will begin to look at healthy relationships, bullying and use of social media.

As an academy, we are eager to get feedback on the transition process and how students have settled in to life at Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form. I have recently posted a 'student voice' survey on our Year Group's Microsoft Teams page. Please encourage your daughter to fill this in so we can act on feedback. In addition, we would value receiving feedback from parents and carers to help us understand how we can best support your daughter and we would appreciate your time completing the brief survey below.

### [Parent Transition Feedback](#)

Please see below reminders and key dates for your diary:

#### Assessment Fortnight 1

We will be having an assessment period upon their return to Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form after half-term from Wednesday 1 November to Friday 10 November 2023. Please reassure your daughter that these assessments are part of our normal school tracking process and help teachers plan for future learning. Students have had a tutorial session on the best ways to prepare for assessments and strategies that can be used to alleviate stress. Students can also find key information on their Microsoft Teams page to support with their preparation.

#### Assessment Fortnight Timetable

Please see attached to this letter a copy of your daughter's assessment timetable.

#### Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 12 December 2023 we will be holding our Year 7 Parents' Evening in person. This will give you a chance to speak to your daughter's subject teachers about her current progress in school. Teachers will be available for 5 minute appointments and details on how to book appointments will be sent out closer to the event.

## Homework

In order to support your daughter to settle into secondary school, we reduced the amount of homework she would receive in the first half-term, only setting work for English, Maths, Science and Art. Following the half-term break it is expected that your daughter will receive homework from all subjects. Please see attached copy of the homework timetable.

Finally, we hope you all have a very well deserved break this October half-term and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garnham  
Head of Year 7

