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Dear Parent/Carer

At Baldragon we are committed to ensuring that all our young people realise their true potential and that they achieve the best possible outcomes in their learning. As part of our journey towards that commitment we will be asking our S1 pupils to complete an assessment known as MidYIS. This assessment is based on highly acclaimed work which has been carried out by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) Cambridge University, and is used in secondary schools, not only in Dundee, but throughout Scotland and the UK.

MidYIS is a baseline assessment, meaning that the information that we receive from the test gives us an understanding of what your young person knows, and this information is then used to identify possible strengths and weaknesses which help inform the teaching and learning that will best support your young person reach their full academic potential. The assessment also gives predictive data, which provides us with a good indication of how your young person should be progressing towards future qualifications in a range of curriculum areas.

The assessment is computerised and lasts approximately 50 minutes. No preparation is required beforehand. Previous knowledge of computers is minimal, as this process is designed so that pupils will find it straightforward. Experience shows that the pupils find the assessment enjoyable as it is basically a series of puzzles and diagrams which they are asked to solve. Pupils should not worry about the assessment; but do their best on the day.

We plan to begin running the MidYIS assessments on the week beginning 15th September during our S1 Digital Literacy classes. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information about the MidYIS assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Beattie.  
DHT (Acting)