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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students,

Assalamualaikom

Dear Parents/Carers

On **Monday 31 August**, the **Year 6** students will be sitting the Allwell Academic Assessment. With the exception of Written Expression, each test (General Reasoning, Comprehension and Numeracy) are multiple-choice. Each test is timed, usually around 40-45 minutes in length, except for written expression, which is 25 minutes in length.

The test is designed to identify the full range of abilities of students to track their progress as they move through the School. They are designed to gauge a student's current level of achievement in literacy and numeracy.

Most students will not experience any great difficulty undertaking these tests. However, it is important they don't spend too much time on questions they find too difficult.

The tests, administered by the Allwell staff, will be held in four sessions with approximately 20 minute breaks in between sessions. **It's very important that students do not arrive after 8:45am on the test day.**

How does the School use this information?

The test is used to improve the delivery of curriculum within the School. It also identifies students with different learning needs, and assists the School to better plan their teaching programs.

For Students

How do I prepare for these tests?

Special preparation or tutoring is not likely to improve your results. The best preparation is to arrive relaxed and refreshed for the testing day. *A good night's sleep is very important.* Make sure to have a healthy breakfast, and arrive early to school.

During the test session you should listen carefully to directions. You should read questions carefully and not rush. If a question is too difficult, it is better to leave the answer space blank and come back later if there is time.

If I run out of time should I guess the answers?

The aim of these tests is to identify real achievement, not guesswork. You should work solidly until the time is up for each test. If you finish early you should carefully re-check your work.

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On the testing day

- Bring 2 pens – blue or black. All other material will be provided.
- Make sure to arrive ahead of the time given. Being late may unsettle you, and other students.
- To avoid interruptions that may disrupt you or other students in your class, make sure you use the toilet before the first session starts.
- Relax and do your best.
- The tests are held in 2 sessions with a recess break between each session.

Items not permitted in the examination

Bags; Calculators; Mathematical instruments such as compasses; Photographic or other data/image recording equipment; Programmable watches or mobile phones; Rulers; Books or paper/s; or food. It's best to keep everything not needed in your bag.

Advice for students during the test session

- Listen carefully to directions from the Supervisor
- Read questions carefully and do not rush
- Sometimes it is wise to read a question a second time
- Use a process of elimination to choose your best answer
- If a question is too difficult, it is better to leave the answer space blank and come back later if there is time
- Always match the answer number correctly from the test booklet to the answer sheet
- Remember that nobody is expected to answer all questions – work steadily and do your best

Wasalam

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