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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Announcement: Student Assessment and Support Initiatives

I trust this message finds you in good health and spirits. As we commence this academic year, I wish to share important initiatives aimed at ensuring the best possible learning experience for our students.

We are committed to providing the highest standard of education, and to that end, we will be conducting assessments for all new students and Year 7 students to identify any potential barriers to their learning. These assessments will encompass reading, spelling and processing evaluations. Additionally, Year 9 and 10 students will be screened for any necessary access arrangements for their upcoming examinations. These screenings are based on teacher recommendations and align with each child's normal way of working. If a student requires adjustments in the classroom, beyond our high-quality teaching, parents will be informed after the Christmas break.

Our dedicated Inclusion Team consistently collaborates with teachers, analyses student progress data, conducts lesson observations and audits student experiences to ensure a high standard of education. For your convenience and to address any concerns, we have established the SEND Cafe every Monday from 2:15 until 4:30, where you can drop in to meet the SEND/Inclusion Team. Moreover, we invite you to our Open Evening, Parents' Evenings and The Key to Success Evening to learn more and discuss any specific needs.

Research has shown that reading four times a week for twenty minutes significantly improves a child's outcomes, potentially raising their GCSE grades by one or two. We encourage you to support your child in developing this beneficial habit. If you seek further information or wish to discuss any aspect related to SEND, please do not hesitate to reach out to the SEND Team at nmitchell@looeca.net to schedule an appointment.

Rest assured, if you do not receive communication from us, it signifies that your child is progressing well and effectively accessing the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Yours faithfully

**Kate Jackman
Deputy Headteacher/SENCO**

