



13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Chromebooks/Fundamental Skills Test

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to firstly say a huge well done to your child for making a great start to maths at Ark Isaac Newton Academy. This week in maths lessons, all pupils in year 7 and 8 will be sitting the Fundamental Skills Test. The purpose of this test is to find out what pupils can currently do, so that curricula and lessons can be tailored to their needs. In addition, it allows us to identify any gaps they have, and allows us to identify where interventions are needed and monitor the impact of them. Its purpose is **not** to rank or grade the pupils.

The test itself has been generated by Ark and consists of numeracy skills that we consider fundamental to success in mathematics at GCSE and beyond. Whilst it is an assessment, there is no preparation that needs to be done by students. It will be completed in test conditions in the classroom, please see dates and times below. Your child can identify which band and class they are in on their timetable if they are not sure.

Band	Date	Time
7X	Friday 16/9/22	Lesson 1
7Y	Thursday 15/9/22	Lesson 2
8X	Wednesday 14/9/22	Lesson 3
8Y	Wednesday 14/9/22	Lesson 1

In order to complete the test your child will need their **Chromebook on the date of their assessment**. Please ensure that they charge it before school and bring their charger with them. Finally, a reminder about the equipment needed in all maths lessons, a list of which you can find in your child's organiser:

- Two or more black/blue pens
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Whiteboard pen

Yours sincerely,

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