**ISA Testing September 2017 – Year 6.**

**Overview**

* The ISA testing will take place on the mornings of Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th September
* All students from years 4-6 will take the test
* There are 5 tests:
	+ Mathematical Literacy Part 1
	+ Mathematical Literacy Part 2
	+ Writing Task A
	+ Reading
	+ Writing Task 2
* The timetable of the tests is fixed, and cannot be changed

**Tuesday 26th September – Day 2**

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| 8:20-8:30 | Test Orientation and Student Details | 10 mins |
| 8:30-9:20 | Mathematical Literacy – Part 1 | Practice 15minsTest Questions 35mins |
| 9:20-9:35 | Recess/snack – field (if not in use) |  |
| 9:45-10:20 | Mathematical Literacy – Part 2 | Test Questions 35mins |
| 10:20-11:05 | Break – in classroom |  |
| 11:05-11:45 | Writing Test A | Intro/discussion 10minsWriting Time 30mins |
| 12.00-12.45 | Period 5 (5 minutes later start) |
| Lunch and P6-7 | As normal |

**Wednesday 27th September – Day 3**

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| 8:20-8:30 | Orientation | 5 mins |
| 8:30-9:25 | Reading | Practice Questions 10minsTest Questions 45mins |
| 9:25-10:00 | Quiet classwork |  |
| 10.00-10.15 | Recess/snack (as usual) |  |
| 10:25-11:05 | Writing Task B | Intro/discussion 10minsWriting Time 30mins |
| 11.15-12.00 | English (as usual) |
| 12.00-12.45 | Period 5 (5 minutes later start) |
| Lunch and P6-7 | As normal |

**Other Points to Note:**

* A brief meeting will be called for all Chinese and International Y6 teachers on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30am in the Conference Room (211) to collect the test papers and to answer any last minute questions. All tests are contained in one student booklet.
* **After the tests, all booklets (used and unused) will need to be returned** and will be externally marked.
* The approximate time allowed for each part of the assessment is shown in the chart above. Please note that the method of test analysis used for the ISA is based on the assumption that the test is not timed: that is, students have enough time to complete all the questions that they are able to do. That is why, at the end of each assessment session, teachers are advised to allow an extra few minutes to any students who are still working profitably.
* Name labels with all the students’ details will have already been stuck onto the front cover. Please ensure students check that the details are all correct, and that **it is their name on the front.**
* Calculators are permitted but not required.
* Bilingual dictionaries or translation aids may be used in the Mathematical Literacy Test only **(not allowed during Reading and Writing assessments).** Standard English dictionaries may not be used in **any** ISA assessments.
* Students should not have access to other resources such as thesaurus, multiplication tables or word lists (please cover these up if they are on display).
* Please note that specialists and EAL will not go ahead during the above times for the Y6 students.
* The bell times will be programmed for Secondary Students **in the morning**, so please ignore them during the ISA tests. However, in the **afternoon** the Primary/Secondary bell times will re-align. Please note that the co-teachers are responsible for keeping time.
* Chinese Co-teachers to arrange preparation times with the partners (but not during test times).
* Learning Support may be able to help with administering tests for students who require specific accommodations. Please contact Andrea if this case.
* There is a feedback form to complete and a confidentiality agreement to sign – this will be passed to you at the meeting on Tuesday morning.
* Please have scrap paper available for the Mathematical Literacy papers
* Black pens should be available for the Writing tests (these will be delivered to you).
* Spare pencils and sharpeners should be available for students.
* **Staff are reminded that these Tests are copyrighted and all copies (used or unused) must be returned after the testing. Under no circumstances can any booklets be photocopied.**
* As the Secondary students (up to Y10) will also be undertaking the ISAs, the Chinese Secondary classes during P2-3 will not go ahead during these two days. However, the P1 Chinese lessons will go ahead as usual. Chinese Co-teachers - Please check with Sissy.

Please also note, that **all students will be required to take the tests (unless absolute beginner students** – please inform Andrea of any beginner EAL students to be exempted).

For any absolute beginner EAL students who will not be sitting the tests, Zaid will take them.

Please note that

* Teachers may read the Mathematical Literacy Test questions to students who are unable to do so themselves
* Teachers may read the Writing Task A or B prompt
* The *Reading Test* questions are not allowed to be read to students
* Translations of words may be given to students who do not have translation device – for Mathematical Literacy tests only

No other accommodations are permissible.