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Dear Parent/Carer

The regulator of examinations in England, Ofqual, has asked some of the students at St Bede's to be part of a new National Reference Test for (mathematics/English). Students have been selected at random, and has been chosen.

The tests are nothing to worry about, have no impact on their final GCSE grade and do not require any particular revision. The tests provide a sample of students across the whole country and aim to give exam boards guidance on how best to set their grade boundaries for subsequent years. This is the first year, where students are being asked to trial these tests before they are introduced "for real" next year.

I enclose a letter from Ofqual and the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) which gives more details of the tests.

I hope you feel comfortable allowing your child to take part, but please let me know if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr R King
Vice Principal

