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## Sub:-INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK TEST 2023

Dear Parents,

As you know that The Oxford School, Trivandrum has been always at par with the strategies to mold the students as global citizens. In order to evaluate the competency among our students, a world-class, skill-based diagnostic assessment —INTERNATIONAL BENCH MARK TEST designed by a global expert-ACER for grades 3-10 will be conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. IBT is an online skill based test with duration of 60 minutes comprising of subjects like English, Science, Maths and Reasoning. The test criteria for various subjects are as follows:

SUBJECT	RUBRICS OF ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH	In English the skills assessed are: locating information, inferring, predicting, drawing conclusions and reasoning. Students are not asked merely to retrieve information from a passage; they are asked to make inferences, form judgments and reflect on the texts. Questions addressing higher-order thinking skills are used to ascertain whether a student can 'read between the lines' and understand subtlety and nuance in the English language.
MATHS	In Mathematics the skills assessed include interpreting data, inferring, predicting, drawing conclusions, reasoning and problem solving. For Mathematics questions, students are asked to make sense of mathematical concepts in everyday situations.
SCIENCE	In Science the skills assessed include: observing and measuring, interpreting data, inferring, predicting, drawing conclusions, reasoning and problem solving. Students are asked to apply scientific principles to particular problems. Many of the questions are based on scientific enquiry.
REASONING	In Reasoning, the skills assessed require students to think critically, make logical deductions, identify connections and spot patterns. The questions asked do not require any prior knowledge from any particular content area. Instead, students must demonstrate their abilities to think outside the box and use their higher-order think skills to solve non-routine problems. The content of these test papers is based on questions that have been successfully used to identify high-achieving students for scholarship placements.

- > IBT test will be conducted during the school hours only
- > IBT exam schedule is available in the Educore.
- > Kindly refrain from absenteeism during the exam days, as no retest will be conducted.

Regards,

Principal