

## <u>Assessment</u>

At Riverside Meadows Academy we use assessment in the following ways:

- Baselining our children (using WRATs and Boxall assessments)
- Checking understanding (usually internal centre devised assessments and assessment for learning activities in the class room)
- Identify gaps in learning (pre unit assessments, mock examinations, end of unit assessments and assessment of learning activities in the class room)
- Check retention and application of knowledge (end of unit assessments and mock examinations)
- To gain suitable qualifications (externally devised assessments)

We strongly encourage all our students to complete qualification assessments throughout their careers at Riverside Meadows. Ordinarily KS3 students will complete entry level examinations, before moving onto functional skill level 1 and 2 qualifications and finally GCSEs. This progression throughout the qualification series builds confidence and allows a clearly defined route of success for the majority of students within the academy.

In exceptional circumstances some students will take Level 1 external assessments or even Level 3 external assessments, but these will be discussed on a case by case basis.

It is our intention that all students leave Riverside Meadows with a suitable qualification in English, Mathematics, Science and a minimum of four other qualifications and have suitable skills through Preparation For Adulthood (PFA) to access the next stage of their careers.

Please see our Planning, Assessment and Feedback Policy for more information.