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26th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Upcoming NGRT assessment for Year 7

I am writing to let you know that Year 7 students will be sitting a computerised reading assessment starting on the week of Monday 29th September in order to help us understand their strengths and areas for development. The assessments will be conducted in English lessons, and no preparation is required.

The assessment is the New Group Reading Test (NGRT). The NGRT is a computerised, adaptive test that presents students with questions based on sentence completion and passage comprehension. It is a well-established and nationally conducted assessment, which provides us with information about students' strengths and areas for development concerning their reading ability. We look at the results of this, as well as the results of the Sparx Reader test (which your child has already taken) and the results of the GL Exact testing, run by the SEND team to identify students for intervention and to inform teaching and learning across the curriculum.

We will be conducting the NGRT, which takes approximately half an hour, twice in the year: now and towards the end of the summer term. By examining the progress made, we hope to better evaluate the initiatives we put in place and to help drive improvements.

Please rest assured that the results of this assessment will have no impact on the make-up of classes. The results will be used internally for the monitoring and evaluation of our strategies to develop reading.

Yours sincerely
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