



Our ref: TEG/jlf/Yr 7 NGRT

14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Upcoming NGRT assessments for Year 7

I am writing to let you know that between Tuesday 18th June and Friday 21st June, Year 7 students will be sitting a computerised reading assessment in order to help us understand their progress in reading this year. The assessments will be conducted in students' English lessons and no preparation is required.

The assessment will take the same format as that which all Year 7 students sat in September - 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.

By examining the progress made from September to June, we hope to better evaluate the initiatives we have put in place and help refine our strategy for future years.

In addition to the fact that confident readers may find it easier to access information that supports them with the curriculum, there is increasingly convincing evidence that students who read books for pleasure see an associated improvement in their academic performance across a wide variety of subjects – not only those traditionally associated with literacy. These studies were a motivation for our decision to provide Year 7 students with the Sparx Reader platform and we hope that the latest NGRT results will validate our decision to do so.

Please rest assured that the results of this assessment will have no impact on the make-up of classes in Year 8. The results will be used internally for the monitoring and evaluation of our strategies to develop reading.

Yours sincerely,

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