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Dear Parent/Carer

NGRT Reading Assessment

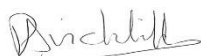
As part of our commitment to ensuring that all students leave with a reading age in line with their chronological age, all students in Y7-10 will complete a reading assessment called the NGRT. Students have previously completed this last Summer (September for Y7) and the test this year will show any progress in line with National expectations.

It is vitally important that your child/children take this test seriously as it will inform not only the progress they make, but any interventions that they may need to complete.

Testing for students will take place within lessons for **Y7-9 during the week commencing 24th June** and for **Y10 during week commencing 5th July**. If your child/children are absent from school, we will arrange appropriate catch-up to ensure that they complete the test.

Additionally, from the 24th June, students will revert back to their form groups that were in place prior to the Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Hinchliffe
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs S Sagar
Deputy Headteacher

To support your understanding of the NGRTs, we have answered some of the common questions below;

Question	Answer
What is NGRT?	<p>New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a formative assessment that is used to assess a students' level reading. Formative means that it does not count towards any final grade or result but is used to find out your child's current ability level as compared to the national average and allow for identification of students who may benefit from interventions or from being stretched further. The test can be taken again later in the school year to assess progress and see whether interventions have been successful.</p> <p>The content is designed to reflect the language of today and the way that reading is taught in schools. It is a short multiple-choice test that can be used to assess reading skills of children as young as 5, and monitor progress up to the age of 16.</p> <p>Tasks include sentence completion and reading comprehension, and the test should take 30-50 minutes.</p>
How is NGRT used?	<p>Reading skills are a key aspect of a students' ability to access the school curriculum. NGRT can quickly and accurately inform staff of a student's level of reading, and therefore provide support to those who need it, or stretch those who can be pushed for further development. It allows for more personalised interventions that are appropriate for the individual student, with the aim of raising a student's abilities in reading and, by extension, their ability to access other areas of the curriculum.</p>
How does NGRT compare to an exam?	<p>NGRT is a formative assessment, which means that it does not count towards any formal mark or grade. It is however taken in controlled conditions, to ensure individual responses. Students will be monitored to ensure that they are working through the questions on their own. Assistance can be given to explain how to take the test and how to use the online testing platform (if using NGRT digital), but students cannot receive help in choosing answers or having the text explained to them.</p> <p>The test should take approximately 30-50 minutes to complete, depending on whether the paper or digital version is used.</p>
Should my child revise or train for NGRT? Can I get practice tests?	<p>We advise against any practicing or training in order to get a fair assessment of the student's reading abilities at that moment in time. There are practice questions in the assessment to get students familiar with the task they are being asked to do.</p>
Who should I contact with questions about the test?	<p>If you have any questions about the test please contact either;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr R Hinchliffe – Assistant Headteacher Mrs S Sagar – Deputy Headteacher</p>



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