

Dear Parent/Guardian,

NGRT Reading Tests – W.B. 28.09.2026

As per our assessment calendar, all students in KS3 and KS4 will be doing their NGRT Assessment commencing next week. The NGRT is a significant tool in assessing the reading age of our students; helping teachers target students strategically for interventions. The assessment will happen during their timetabled English lesson, and it will take the duration of the lesson to complete.

Please take some time to explain the significance of the assessment to your child. This will help us ensure that we get the most accurate reading age and implement interventions accurately. If students are absent, they will be given an opportunity to sit the assessment at a later date.

What is the NGRT?

It is a standardised and adaptive assessment to measure reading skills against the national average. It is used to identify where intervention may be needed, and then to monitor impact and progress made. It is administered online and provides the school with practical guidance for the next steps for your child.

Why is the NGRT integral to your child's success?

All GCSE exams are written for the reading age of 16-years-old; therefore, it is our ambition to ensure that all students are as close to that reading age before sitting their GCSEs in Year 11, regardless of barriers. In doing this, your child will be able to access exam content with better understanding and confidence, equipping them with the skills to succeed in Year 11 and beyond.

What will be on the test?

Students are tested on phonics, reading for meaning and understanding vocabulary. Questions include:

- Choosing the right word to complete a sentence.
- Answering questions about a text that they will have to read.
- Selecting the correct phonic components to make the correct sound or rhyme.

How will the test be taken?

Tests are completed independently and in silence. Teachers are unable to read anything for students given that they are being assessed on their ability to read independently. Students who fail to comply with assessment conditions will be re-routed from the assessment and a phone call will be made home; if this arises, we will reschedule the assessment for that student.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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