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Dear Parents and Carers

**New Group Reading Test/Spelling Test (NGRT/NGST) - Year 7**

We will be giving our students computer-based assessments to assess their Reading and Spelling levels over the next few weeks.

These will start on Tuesday 7th May and will be carried out within normal lessons.

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised assessment to measure reading skills of students aged 5-16 years against the national average. Through a variety of exercises, NGRT can assess students' knowledge of phonics, comprehension, decoding ability, vocabulary, grammatical knowledge, deduction and inference skills, authorial intent, and ability to deal with figurative and idiomatic language (depending on the age of the student and test selected). Tasks include sentence completion, passage comprehension and phonic exercises. NGRT tests not just the ability of students to decode what they read, but also to comprehend and apply meaning.

This can be used to identify where further intervention may be needed.

The NGST is fully adaptive which allows students to be tested according to their performance as they are taking the test rather than by age or by year group.

We will be asking them to bring in headphones which would need to be wired, not wireless. The school has a few that can be used where students don't have their own. The school PCs can cope with USB-A connector or the 3.5mm jack connector.

You will receive the results for your child from these assessments later on when they become available to us.

Yours faithfully

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