



12th September 2022

RE: Academy NGRT tests: Week beginning 12th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our Academy curriculum and assessment model, all students in years 7-10 are required to undertake reading assessments. During the week beginning **12th September 2022**, students will sit the NGRT (New Group Reading Test). This is a formal online assessment lasting approximately 30 minutes and tests will be scheduled during lesson times. The reading tests provide us with crucial data which we use to plan, adapt and tailor our lessons and academic interventions.

Students need to come to school equipped with their fully charged Chromebook on their allocated test days outlined below:

Reading/English Group	Date of test	Time of test
7XR1,2&3 8XR1,2&3	Tuesday 13 th September 2022	Period 1 Period 3
7YR1,2&3	Wednesday 14 th September 2022	Period 3
9YEN1,2,3&4 9XEN1,2&3 8YEN1,2,3&4	Tuesday 20 th September 2022	Period 1 Period 6 Period 4
10XEN1,2&3 10YEN1,2,3&4	Thursday 15 th September 2022	Period 1 Period 2

Smart watches are not allowed in school during assessments or exams.

The importance of reading

Reading is an important lifelong skill that impacts every part of our lives, from childhood through to later adulthood. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. If you would like to find out more about how to support your child with their reading, please contact their English teacher directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ademolake
Vice Principal