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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you that your child will be taking a NGRT (New Group Reading Test) during the first few weeks of the Autumn Term, from 3 September 2026 onwards. This assessment is an important part of how we measure reading progress and ensure that every student receives the right level of literacy support.

The NGRT is an online assessment that takes approximately 25 minutes to complete. Students in Key Stage 3 will complete the test during their normal English lessons, while Key Stage 4 students will complete it during tutor time where possible.

We kindly ask that you encourage your child to try their best during this test, as it helps us to understand their current reading ability and plan effectively for their next steps.

Please be assured that we will ensure the assessment is completed in the best possible conditions to make the results as reliable as possible. The NGRT is used as an initial screening assessment, and we use additional reading assessments and evidence to ensure that any decisions regarding literacy support are accurate and reliable. No intervention placements are made based on a single test result alone.

If the assessment indicates that your child may benefit from additional literacy support, we will gather further evidence and communicate with you over the following weeks should any intervention be recommended.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tilly Payton  
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