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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 and Year 8 - New Group Reading Test (NGRT)

I am writing to let you know that as part of our school's reading plan for 2022-23, we will be conducting reading tests for all Year 7 and Year 8 students from October onwards.

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised assessment measure of reading and comprehension. The test is made up of two parts: sentence completion (which measures decoding with some element of comprehension); and passage comprehension (which measures a range of comprehension skills of increasing difficulty).

The digital version we will be using is adaptive, so it responds to the level of the child as they take the test. The test usually takes around 30 minutes to complete but is not timed so students may finish at different times. Students will be completing this test in rotation during Friday tutor sessions.

The information gained from these tests will enable us to share useful information on each child's reading skills with subject specialists so that all students can be appropriately supported with their reading in lessons. It will also support us in identifying students who may require further support in accessing our curriculum and help us in planning appropriate interventions. The information will always be used discreetly.

The test will be repeated in the spring or summer term next year to help measure the impact of our work in this area and to provide an update on each student's reading ability.

If you have any further questions regarding the NGRT testing process, then do get in touch with me via the school office: mes@maidenerleghtrust.org

Yours sincerely

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