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Dear Parent/Carer

Reading Tests

At Da Vinci Academy, we know that how well a student can read is central to their ability to access the secondary curriculum. It is also one of the greatest indicators of potential successes in both examinations and beyond. Therefore, the ability for schools to accurately identify the reading ability of the students that it cares for is of pivotal importance, so that we can offer the correct, tailored support and challenge to our learners.

As part of our ongoing programme of assessment and support, all students in Years 7 and 8 will be completing the NGRT (*New Group Reading Test*) during this half term.

The NGRT is a standardised assessment that reliably measures reading skill and provides a detailed breakdown of various strands of reading. The Academy will use this data to work with you to nurture, develop and extend the reading habits of your child so that they become confident, fluent readers with a passion for reading, and to identify students who require additional support to develop their reading skills further, in order to be successful learners.

Please be aware that the test is not one that students will be able, or need, to revise for. With this in mind, students need not be anxious in any way about taking the test. However, it is absolutely vital that students try their best and do not rush the test. The results of this test will be one of the most important indicators that we look at when deciding who needs additional reading intervention. We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to try their best and to take the test seriously. If we feel that a student has not focused, so that we can accurately gauge their needs, we may need to ask them to repeat the test at a later date and will contact you, so that you can support us in ensuring that it is completed properly.

If you have any queries about the nature of NGRTs, what the test involves, or how it will be administered, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can find out more information by visiting the website below.





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Yours faithfully,

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