



18th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 7 NGRT Reading & MidYS Testing

I am writing to inform you that we have begun a schedule of testing for Year 7 form groups to aid us in supporting and teaching your child at Wexham. From these tests we will gain a variety of information to aid teaching staff in adapting teaching for your child to ensure they learn to the best of their ability, every lesson, every day.

Test Name	When will it be held?	What is it?
NGRT Test	Thursday 14 th September – Friday 25 th September	New Group Reading Test; A standardised test used by schools to measure students' reading, decoding, and comprehension skills against national averages.
MidYS Test	Monday 28 th September – Friday 2 nd October	A baseline assessment given to measure cognitive ability, learning potential and aptitude rather than specific school achievement.

From these tests a number of interventions will be launched to ensure students can keep up with their peers in class and access the curriculum in lessons as fully as possible:

- Additional **Numeracy** lessons taught by the Maths team.
- Paired **Reading** with trained Sixth Form students.
- Small group **Phonics** classes with our Inclusion team.
- Small group **Handwriting & Spelling** classes with our Inclusion team.

Should your child be selected for any of these interventions then you will be informed by letter in due course.

Schedules will be organised for each form group. NGRT Tests are completed during their English lessons. Both tests are completed on a computer and usually take between 30 – 45 minutes. Each test adapts to your child's responses and they will not get any feedback from the results.

As with any other school day, it is crucial that students are present for these tests, though if they are absent additional catch-up sessions will be run at a later date.

Please also reassure your child if they are worried and that they need only try their very best.

Yours faithfully

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