



St Katherine's School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, year 11 students will be taking two literacy based assessments. These tests are designed to provide the school with useful diagnostic evidence of strengths and weaknesses that your child may have. When the tests are complete, the parents of each student will receive an individual report on their results together with an explanation of the meaning of the various scores. The results will be used here at school for supporting planning and intervention strategies.

Please reassure your child that these tests are specifically designed not to require any prior revision and we do not wish them to be unduly worried about the process. If they are feeling anxious, please ask them to discuss this with their tutor.

Your child will be completing the following assessments:

NGRT (New Group Reading Test)

This literacy assessment tests not just the ability of students to decode what they read, but also to comprehend and apply meaning. It can be used to measure phonemic awareness in less able readers too.

NGST (New Group Spelling Test)

This test assesses spelling and knowledge of a variety of different spelling rules.

Your child will need to bring headphones for all test sessions but we will have a small number available in school. Your child will want to bring a pen with them to each test in case they need to complete any rough work.

Again, please reassure your child that these assessments are nothing to be worried about, there is no Pass or Fail mark in any of the tests.

Yours sincerely,

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