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National Reading and Numeracy Testing– Years 7, 8 and 9

Dear Parent / Guardian,

In accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Government, your son will sit a series of nationally standardised tests during some of their lessons over the period of the 30th April to the 9th May, 2018. These tests are aimed at measuring achievement and progress in elements of Literacy and Numeracy.

The test timetable for each year group is as below:

Year 7

Numeracy: Reasoning Test – Wednesday 9th May

Numeracy: Procedural Test – Thursday 3rd May

English Reading Test – Wednesday 2nd May

Year 8

Numeracy: Reasoning Test – Monday 30th April

Numeracy: Procedural Test – Tuesday 1st May

English Reading Test – Friday 4th May

Year 9

Numeracy: Reasoning Test – Tuesday 8th May

Numeracy Procedural Test – Wednesday 2nd May

English Reading Test – Monday 30th April

We kindly request your assistance in ensuring that your child is present on the above dates, remembering to bring a black biro, pencil, eraser, ruler and calculator. The pupils will be aided in their preparation for the tests by their teachers; practice tests have been completed in class so that your son becomes familiar with the style of the tests. We ask that all learners give their best effort during the tests, so that the results reflect their true ability and attainment.

Further Welsh Government information on the National Tests can be found by following the link: <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/national-reading-and-numeracy-tests-administration-handbook/?lang=en>

Past exemplar tests have been completed during class, with further NUMERACY sample materials available at: <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/numeracy-sample-materials/?lang=en> and further READING sample material at: <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/reading-sample-materials/?lang=en>

The Welsh Government and School will use the test results to target areas and pupils that require interventions in order to make further progress. In addition, you will receive a short report regarding the results of the tests by the end of the summer term. We wish our learners every success over the coming weeks and appreciate your continued support.