



Wednesday, 06 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

During English lessons, next week (beginning Monday 11th September), your son/daughter will be completing a reading assessment; this will determine their reading age and allow us to track improvements over the year or identify any students requiring intervention and further support.

Developing literacy and reading skills is fundamental to students' ability to access the curriculum in secondary school. Current research is clear that those who struggle with reading are strongly disadvantaged in most GCSE subjects that they will take. This is because GCSE exams require a minimum reading age of 15 years and 7 months.

In one of the biggest studies of the impact of reading ever carried out by GL Assessments, it was found that there is a significant correlation between reading ability, and attainment in all GCSE subjects, and in particular, mathematics and science. In short, reading is the key to examination success.

Reading assessments will provide us with a clear and precise baseline of your child's attainment levels in reading and enable us to accurately monitor progress across KS3.

It would be appreciated if you could speak to your son/daughter about this test and ask them of the importance of completing it to the best of their ability. This will allow us to offer further support where necessary and track the progress of their reading ability through Year 7.

With thanks for your support

Miss Moody
Assistant SENCO and teacher of English