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Dear Parents and Carers,

NGRT Reading Test

'To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many enquiries.' (A.C Grayling)

Developing students into confident, well-read readers is a key aspect of our broad and balanced curriculum here at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. To monitor and support our year 7 to 10 students, we are continuing to invest in The NGRT reading assessment test, which will generate a report about your child's reading ability. The test will highlight each individual student's reading strengths and weaknesses and highlight any vocabulary gaps. The test is fully adaptive to a student's ability and therefore offers a personalised experience, guaranteeing it is accessible for all. Areas of assessment will include decoding ability, sight word knowledge, and comprehension such as retrieval, context, inference, and purpose.

The test will take approximately 30 minutes to complete in the Study Centre, where students will be supervised by their English teacher. Key data from the report will be shared with all staff, so teachers can ensure they are planning and delivering lesson content which is challenging yet appropriate for our learners. We will test your child biannually so we can track their progress and offer specific intervention where needed. The next round of reading tests will take place week commencing **18/03/2024**.

It is vital that your child **takes the test seriously**; please discuss with them the importance of the reading assessment and alleviate any concerns they may have. As an academy, we will support your child to develop their confidence, enjoyment, and reading skills through their English and reading lessons and the wider curriculum, as every teacher at STWA is a teacher of reading.

Thank you for your support in helping your child achieve the best possible attainment and progress they can in their reading.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. L. Stuart
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