

9th March 2026

NGRT Reading Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 16th and 17th March, students in Year 7 to Year 10 will be sitting the NGRT reading assessment.

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised assessment to measure reading skills of students aged 5-16 years against the national average.

NGRT can **assess students' knowledge** of phonics, comprehension, decoding ability, vocabulary, grammatical knowledge, deduction and inference skills, authorial intent, and ability to deal with figurative and idiomatic language.

Tasks include **sentence completion, passage comprehension and phonic exercises**.

NGRT tests not just the ability of students to **decode** what they read, but also to **comprehend** and **apply meaning**.

All Insignis Academy Trust schools complete an NGRT assessment twice a year, in September and March. The NGRT indicates where **your reading ability sits as compared to the national average**. This allows us to identify where **intervention** may be needed, or where further development can be pushed.

Students complete these assessments in the main hall under test conditions. They will need their Chromebooks. Please can we ask for your support in making sure that Chromebooks are fully charged to come into school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March.

Yours faithfully,

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