



# Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

## Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parents/Carers

Since 2014 Ebbw Fawr Learning Community has administered NGRTs to all Year 7 pupils during the Autumn Term.

The New Group Reading Test Digital (NGRT) has taken the power of online testing to a new level by making the test adapt to the reading ability of the pupil. In other words, pupils will see a different version of the test depending on how they are scoring as they move through the questions.

Aimed at pupils in Year 7 the test comprises three sections: phonics, sentence completion and passage comprehension. Pupils enter the test according to their age and begin with the sentence completion section. Depending on their score, they will progress to either phonics tasks or a passage comprehension at a suitable level of difficulty. The difficulty is then slowly increased until the pupils' scores begin to show that the test is becoming too challenging. Teachers and the ALN Co-ordinator will be provided with accurate results that reveal the level of a pupil's reading ability. The assessment is ideal to screen students for additional support and will help determine what level of intervention or further assessment may be required. It can also help identify students who need to be assessed individually for Access Arrangements.

Year 7 pupils will take the tests between Wednesday 30 September 2015 and Monday 5 October 2015.

The actual working time for pupils in each test is between 30-40 minutes. **Pupils are not required to do any revision for these particular tests.** These tests will be taken during English lessons and will not affect normal curriculum time.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs. D. L. Thomas**  
Examinations Officer

