



'An Academy to be Proud of'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming GL assessments that will take place at Armfield over the next two weeks between the 29<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Key Stage 3 students will sit Progress Tests in English, maths and science which will provide us with data to baseline our students in Year 7 and judge the progress made by our Year 8 and 9 students in all the core subjects. In addition, the data will help us identify any gaps in students' knowledge and enable us to adjust our curriculum and planning in order to address these gaps.

Students will also sit two other online tests. The first, the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) assesses students' current reading age and identifies their reading strengths and weaknesses. Secondly the Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) questionnaire, gauges the attitudes and mindset of students at the start of their Armfield journey or as they return to us at the start of a new school year.

This collection of GL assessments will allow us to plan whole school and individual interventions to support students both academically and pastorally.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take these assessments at the following times:

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Periods 1 and 2 Progress Tests (approximately 75 minutes per test)

- Year 7 - Progress Tests in English, maths and science
- Year 8 - Progress Tests in English and maths
- Year 9 - Progress Tests in English, maths and science

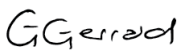
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

- Year 7 – NGRT and PASS (approximately 1 hour in ICT lessons)
- Year 8 - NGRT and PASS (approximately 1 hour in DT lessons)
- Year 9 - NGRT and PASS (approximately 1 hour in ICT lessons)

Attendance in all the GL assessments is vital as they will provide us with key information to support your son/daughter's learning and development. Due to the nature of GL assessments students should not worry about revising any specific material. All students will need to bring pens, pencils and a ruler to all assessments. They must also have their reading book for when the assessment finishes.

If you have any further questions about these assessments, please contact me at school  
admin@armfield.fcat.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

  
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