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28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## National Reference Tests

The school has been selected to participate in the National Reference Tests for 2025. Please find attached a copy of a letter from the National Foundation for Educational Research explaining the tests and why your child has been selected to complete these. Your child is one of 48 pupils who has been randomly selected to take either the English language or Maths tests, they do not do both. These will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, in the gym under formal examination conditions. If your child is entitled to access arrangements, these will apply as normal.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to drop me an email.

Yours sincerely

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Three Counties Academy Trust



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Dear Parent/Guardian

January 2025

**National Reference Test 2025**

I am writing to make you aware that your child has been randomly selected to take a National Reference Test in 2025. The Headteacher is aware of this and can answer any questions you may have.

Each year up to 60 year 11 students in each of 330 schools take a one-hour National Reference Test (or NRT) in English language or maths. Your child does not need to prepare for this test and the results will have no bearing on their individual learning record. The results of the test are anonymised and are not provided to individual schools or students and so cannot and will not be used as evidence of how individual students are performing.

The National Reference Test provides a valuable source of evidence which Ofqual uses to understand changes in performance over time. This evidence is used by exam boards when setting grade boundaries in GCSE English language and maths. It is very important that each selected student takes part to ensure that results are meaningful and representative of the GCSE student population across the country.

Your child's school will tell you the date and time of the test which will be carried out between **21 February and 10 March 2025**. No extra work or revision is required to prepare for the test.

The test lasts one hour and will be administered by a member of staff from the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). For more information about how NFER will make sure that the tests are administered safely, please visit <https://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/national-reference-test/>.

The marking of the test will be carried out by staff at NFER. The results are not used in any measures of school performance, will not be provided to Ofsted or local authorities and no individual school or student will be identified in any report.

All data collected by NFER will be held securely. We do not collect more information than is necessary to fulfil our stated purposes and we will not keep it for longer than is necessary. To see the full privacy statement please visit [National Reference Test: your information and your privacy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-reference-test-your-information-and-your-privacy).

We very much appreciate your child's participation in the NRT. If you have any questions regarding the test, please contact the school for further information.

Yours sincerely

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