

STJ Reading Strategy 2026-27

All students entering Y7 sit the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) – an adaptive, digital test which measures students’ strengths with reading and identifies what they might need help with. The test provides a Standardised Age Score (SAS). A score of 100 is average. Students scoring SAS 85 and under are likely to require further support with phonics and fluency. Students scoring SAS 86-96 might need some support with fluency, a vocabulary top-up or some guided reading to enhance their comprehension of texts. Students in other year groups might also sit the NGRT if we feel that this is necessary. However, in most cases, we will read 1:1 with students in older years to measure their ability and place them on one of the intervention pathways below if further support is needed.

