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Dear Parent/Carer

At Heanor Gate Spencer Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student develops the literacy skills they need to succeed both in school and in life beyond the classroom. Literacy is at the heart of learning: it underpins progress across all subjects, supports confident communication, and opens doors to future opportunities.

I am writing to let you know that your child will be completing the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) on either **Monday 15 June** or **Tuesday 16 June**, during Period 1, as part of their mock exam series. However, unlike their mock exams, this is not something that students need to do any additional preparation for.

All students completed this assessment in Year 7. As Year 10 students are about to move into their final year of GCSE studies, this assessment allows us to check that your child's reading continues to progress in line with the demands of the GCSE courses they are studying.

The NGRT provides us with detailed information about each student's reading accuracy, comprehension, and vocabulary knowledge. We use this data directly in lessons to shape teaching, plan targeted support, and identify any interventions that may be needed to help students continue to make strong progress.

Because of this, it is essential that students complete this digital assessment to the best of their ability, as they would with all assessments in the mock exam series.

Yours sincerely

**Miss K Hill**

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