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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.

As such, I am writing to let you know that all students in Year 7 will be completing the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) on **Thursday 25 June** during the Immersion Day, for the second time this academic year.

Students completed this assessment at the very start of Year 7, and repeating it now allows us to track their progress closely. 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 done in school. The test is completed online during the school day and does not require any preparation at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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