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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **GL Progress Tests (Years 7 & 8)**

I am writing to inform you that as part of the program of assessment at Magna, our students will sit GL Progress Tests in Maths, English and Science. The reason for these assessments is to provide the academy with further information on each student's current level of attainment. This information will support our teachers' professional judgement on the attainment of your child, generated through classwork, homework and internal assessments. These progress checks will also provide further details of any specific areas that require targeted intervention and support. You will receive a GL Report on how your child has performed in the GL Progress Tests. This will be uploaded to Progresso and we will notify you of when this will take place.

The computerised progress tests have the following elements and a parent guide with example questions are attached to this letter.

English - Reading Comprehension (50 minutes), Skills (25 minutes) and Spelling (25 minutes)  
Maths - Mental (15 minutes) and Applying & Understanding (60 minutes)  
Science - Knowledge (60 minutes)

### **New Group Reading Test (Years 7, 8 & 9)**

The NGRT will occur this term during English lessons on the week commencing the 24th May. This test will provide us with our students' reading ages and it supports our assessment of their reading and comprehension skills, benchmarking their performance against students nationally of the same age. The outcomes helps us to identify students that may need further support and enables us to further enhance our literacy provision across all subjects. We wish to reassure you that students should not worry about taking these assessments. There is no need to revise and no need to seek any additional tuition in advance.



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Please find attached the timetable and parent guide for these GL Progress Tests. If you have any questions regarding these GL Progress Tests and NGRT, please do not hesitate to contact me on [mhiggins@magna-aspirations.org](mailto:mhiggins@magna-aspirations.org).

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Higgins  
Assistant Principal