



April 18th 2016

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know of the Welsh Government's National statutory tests, scheduled for May. These tests are taken by pupils in years 7 8 and 9.

Recently, the Welsh Government introduced a Literacy and Numeracy Framework, outlining skills to be taught across the curriculum for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. The tests are part of this framework and we will be running them this year for the third time. Year 7 pupils will be used to these tests from primary schools.

The tests will take place in the gym, under controlled conditions between the **4th and 6th May**. There are three tests in all: Reading, Numeracy Reasoning and Numeracy Procedural. Each year group will have one test per day.

Information has been nationally prepared for parents and can be accessed at:
<http://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/140420-information-for-parents-carers-2-9-en-v2.pdf>

Much time will have been spent in class in the lead up to the tests, so pupils will be fully aware of what to expect and the style of question that they will encounter. Our aim is not to minimize the importance of the tests at all, but to also try to ensure that the whole process is not stressful for your child. Should you have any questions regarding the tests please feel free to contact Mr. Rob Render, Head of Maths or Miss. L. Wallace, Head of English.

Many thanks,

Mair Herbert
Deputy Head