

Dear Parent/Guardian(s)

Last year the Welsh Government introduced a Literacy and Numeracy Programme within the Education system in Wales. As part of this programme the Government decided that the progress of all students in Years 2 to 9 should be assessed on an annual basis.

If your child was in a Welsh school last year they would have sat these assessments and you would have received an indication of their reading and numeracy skills within a National context. This process will provide information to you, to the school and to the Government about the progress that is being made by your child from year to year.

The aim is to ensure that information is available to show which aspects of Literacy and Numeracy your child has made progress with and in what areas they may need further support. In this school, the assessments in Literacy and Numeracy will take place between 7 - 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 Reading</li><li>• Year 8/9 Numerical Reasoning</li><li>• Year 7 Numeracy Procedural</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 8 Reading</li><li>• Year 7/9 Numerical Reasoning</li><li>• Year 8 Numeracy Procedural</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Reading</li><li>• Year 7/8 Numerical Reasoning</li><li>• Year 9 Numeracy Procedural</li></ul>

During English lessons students have focused on the skills needed to complete these tests including, developing an understanding of the demands of the different questions and reading for understanding and inference. During Mathematics lessons, pupils have completed a two week revision programme in class with their teacher and have been provided with revision material for work at home. Continued revision through [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) is strongly advised until the assessments are completed.

Attendance on these dates is very important and a guide for parents can be found at <http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/reading-and-numeracy-tests-information-for-parents-carers/?lang=en> and the link is also available on our website.

Yours sincerely

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