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The Parents/Carers of: Students in Year 9

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Literacy Testing - Period 1 Monday 23 January 2017

All schools review their curriculum annually to ensure they provide the best 'deal' for students. To do this schools must ensure that their curriculum is 'Broad and Balanced', reflects the needs of the local employment environment and is responding to the changes and guidance that comes from the Department of Education. Most importantly it must allow all students to achieve their potential and enjoy success at school.

A key part of this review is identifying which students require extra support through personalising their curriculum, especially in regards to literacy as it is a key factor in both exam and lifelong success.

To this end, on **Monday 23 January 2017** your child will be undergoing a reading test delivered by members of senior staff. It is imperative that you child gives their all and focusses fully when approaching the test, as the results could affect the number of options that they are able to take.

Please discuss this with your child and ensure that they arrive to school punctually and in the correct frame of mind for the test, as it is an important opportunity for us to determine how much support they do or do not require.

Yours faithfully



John Jones
Deputy Headteacher