



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian

Our Ref: AGN/SSM/Baseline tests

8th September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 Baseline tests

At St. Ninian's High School, we believe in providing each and every student with the opportunity to realise their full potential and achieve at the highest level. To help us better understand the learning needs of our students, we will be administering a series of assessments with all students in Year 7 over the coming weeks. These include the **New Group Reading Test (NGRT)**, **New Group Spelling Test (NGST)**, and the **Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4)**.

How the Assessments Will Be Administered

The NGRT and NGST will take place during students timetabled English lessons, while the CAT4 assessments will be run with students off timetable over a double lesson.

All assessments are computer-based. Students will need a pair of headphones with a standard jack plug connection; Bluetooth headphones are not permitted. Headphones will be provided for students who do not have their own.

Week Beginning 15th September – NGRT and NGST Assessments

During the week commencing 15th September, students will sit the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) and the New Group Spelling Test (NGST). These assessments measure a student's reading comprehension and spelling ability respectively.

The timetable for these assessments is as follows:

Tutor Group	NGRT	NGST
7A	Monday 15 th – Lesson 1	Tuesday 16 th – Lesson 4
7B	Tuesday 16 th – Lesson 4	Thursday 18 th – Lesson 4
7C	Wednesday 17 th – Lesson 2	Thursday 18 th – Lesson 1
7D	Monday 15 th – Lesson 1	Tuesday 16 th – Lesson 4
7E	Monday 15 th – Lesson 4	Wednesday 16 th – Lesson 1
7F	Monday 15 th – Lesson 4	Thursday 18 th – Lesson 3
7G	Monday 15 th – Lesson 6	Thursday 18 th – Lesson 2
7H	Monday 15 th – Lesson 4	Wednesday 17 th – Lesson 2

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These assessments help us identify any literacy support your child may require. Should any interventions or adjustments be necessary, a member of our Additional Support team will contact you directly.

Week Beginning 22nd September – CAT4 Cognitive Ability Assessments

In addition to NGRT and NGST, students will also take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) in the week beginning 22nd September. These assessments will take place across a double lesson.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Neill

Assistant Head Teacher

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