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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that as part of our Outwood Grange Academies Trust reading strategy, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be taking the **Star Reading Assessment week commencing 23rd September**. The Star Assessments run by Renaissance are computer adaptive assessments that will provide teachers with current, reliable and valid data about your child's reading age. The test requires no preparation and lasts between 20 - 40 minutes.

The testing will take place during normal lesson time, in one of our computer suites and with their usual class teachers. Additional members of staff will also be there to help facilitate the testing process.

We are committed to enabling all our learners to fully access our curriculum and to reach their full potential. Understanding their current reading ability is fundamental to this. The Star Assessment will provide us with a clear and precise baseline of each student's current attainment level in reading. It is a standardised assessment that reliably measures reading skills against the national average so that we can target interventions to support and challenge learners in the most useful way. We will assess every student three times per year to ensure that no child is left behind. As an academy we will use this data to improve academic outcomes.

Please make a note of these key dates below:

Assessment window 1	W/C 23rd September 2024
Assessment window 2	W/C 20th January 2025
Assessment window 3	W/C 23rd June 2025

The results of the testing will be shared with you when your child(ren) receives their Praising Stars report.



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Further information will be shared with you shortly about ways to support your child at home with reading and Accelerated Reader.

Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiries@ripon.outwood.com

Kind Regards

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