



**KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**  
**YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the school's arrangements for participation in the National Reading and Numeracy Tests, which will be taking place during the weeks beginning **29 April 2019 and 17 June 2019**. Your child will be required to take two tests written tests in April, and a computer-based test in June. You may be interested to read this publication on the Welsh Government Website explaining more about the purpose of these tests and how the results are to be used: <https://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/190325-information-for-parents-carers-2-9-en.pdf>

The two written tests are:-

- **National Reading Test:** 60 minutes + 20 minutes preparation time  
**Equipment required:** Black Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Ruler
- **National Numeracy Test (Reasoning):** 30 minutes + 15 minutes preparation time  
**Equipment required:** Black Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Ruler **and calculator.**

The computer-based test in June is the **National Numeracy Test (Procedural)** which is an adaptive test. This means that the later questions set in the test depend on how your child answers the earlier questions.

All of these test are designed to give us information about how well each child is doing in order to make sure that we give them appropriate challenge and guidance in the future. You will receive their individual results, but they will not be reported on externally, at an individual level or used in evaluation of school standards. Students will never be expected to write their results on a job application or CV.

The following table gives the dates and times that the written tests will take place:

	<b>National Reading Test</b>	<b>National Numeracy Test (Reasoning)</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Wednesday 1 May Period 1	Tuesday 30 April Period 3
<b>Year 8</b>	Thursday 2 May Period1	Wednesday 1 May Period 3
<b>Year 9</b>	Friday 3 May Period 1	Thursday 2 May Period 3

All of these tests will be taken in Upper School Hall.

Your assistance in ensuring that your child attends school on time with the correct equipment would be greatly appreciated. It will not be possible to enter the examination room late. Normal lessons will operate for the periods the tests are not occurring, so please ensure that books etc. are brought for those lessons.

The Procedural tests in June will take place in Maths lessons, and the exact times will depend on what class your child is in.

Please see the school website ([www.kinghenryviiiischool.org.uk](http://www.kinghenryviiiischool.org.uk)) for further information to help you support your child before and during the tests.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Davis  
Assistant Headteacher