



Blackwood Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/ Guardian of pupils in Year 7/ 8 /9

Since primary school, your child will have sat National Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Numeracy Reasoning Tests. The tests are used by schools in order to support your child further with their learning so that we can see what your child is already able to do and what your child needs in order to progress further in literacy and numeracy skills.

The National Tests for Numeracy Reasoning and Reading will be sat by pupils in Key Stage 3 during the week commencing Monday 29th April. Attendance is essential this week.

Monday 29th April

Lesson 1 – Year 8 Numeracy Reasoning

Lesson 2 – Year 7 Numeracy Reasoning

Lesson 3 – Year 9 Numeracy Reasoning

Tuesday 30th April

Lesson 1 and 2 – Year 9 Reading test

Wednesday 1st May

Lesson 1 and 2 – Year 7 Reading test

Lesson 3 and 4 – Year 8 Reading test

All pupils entitled to additional time will have the full allocation.

The Numeracy Procedural tests will now be completed online. The tests will be completed during June.

Your child will need the following equipment in order to complete the tests:

- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black pen
- A ruler
- A calculator (Scientific if possible for the Numerical Reasoning test only and not the Procedural test or Reading paper)

We appreciate that any test can cause anxiety in most children. The tests, though helpful in the way in which they can provide us with information to identify pupils who require a little extra support and ways to progress further, are



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a `snapshot` of what the pupil is able to produce on the day. However, we would hope that every child tries their best in order to give us a realistic picture of what they are able to do so that we can support their learning further.

The Mathematics and English Departments have provided additional support materials for you to be able to look at with your child to familiarise themselves with the kinds of questions that may appear on the tests and to put their mind at ease. These can be found on our website as powerpoints and links to other websites that are useful. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to go through some of the resources available to help your child further.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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