



# Cardiff High School Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you about some upcoming assessments that your child will be taking before the end of the school year.

Personalised assessments in reading and numeracy are taken online by all learners in years 2 to 9 in all maintained schools in Wales. These are the new version of the 'National Tests' that you may remember your child taking in previous years at primary school. They were suspended during the pandemic but have now returned as an important part of your child's learning journey. At Cardiff High School we are dedicated to supporting our students in all aspects of school life, and assessments are an important part of this.

Personalised assessments provide feedback on students' reading and numeracy skills so that students, their teachers and their parents/carers can understand where they are in their learning journey. We appreciate that any mention of 'assessment' can cause some anxiety but want to reassure you that these are designed to provide information and so move learning forward. These assessments will give a snapshot of student understanding and progress in key topics and skills, helping teachers to see what students can do and what areas they may need to work on. Teachers will use this information to support your child's progress by planning for their next steps in learning.

Students will be completing these assessments in their normal Maths and English lessons during this half term. They will access them online via school chromebooks on the Hwb website, having had an opportunity to practise answering sample questions in advance. There is nothing that students need to do outside of their Maths and English lessons to prepare for these assessments. Feedback from them will be communicated to you with the end of year reports.

If you would like more information about the personalised assessments, there are some helpful videos from the Welsh Government here: <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Achievement Leader or Head of Lower School, Mrs Venn.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Stephen Jones  
Headteacher