



17th October 2025

Dear Parents of Year 11 students,

OFQUAL (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) have selected Gordano to be part of the sample of schools for this year's National Reference Test (NRT). The test will take place between 23 February and 6 March 2026. The NRT is a one-hour test taken each year by a representative sample of Year 11 students. Students take either an English test or a Maths test. The test reflects the sorts of questions students can expect in GCSE English Language and Maths exams.

30 students will be randomly selected by OFQUAL for each test. I am just flagging this with you as parents now and nearer the time will contact the parents of the students identified to complete the test. This is a requirement of The Education Order 2016, article 3, that the Headteacher of the designated school arranges for students selected by the test supplier to take the NRT in either English or Maths. The legislation applies to all maintained and academy schools.

Having overseen this process at a previous school it is nothing specific our students need to prepare for, other than the studies they are currently undertaking and certainly nothing for them to be concerned about. We simply ask them to do their best and they will be well supported by Mr Tipler.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher