



# Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to inform you of the upcoming Personalised Assessments that your child will sit in Numeracy - Procedural and Reasoning and Reading.

Year 9 will complete their Numeracy assessments between May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> with Year 7 and 8 completing their Numeracy assessments between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. For the Reasoning Test pupils will need a calculator and a pair of headphones that can plug into the computer as there will be audio sections in the test. However, if they do not have access to these they will be provided by the school.

The Reading assessments for all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take place between June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The exact dates and times of the tests will be shared with you via our Satchel1 platform by your child's class teacher.

The Personalised Assessments are a statutory requirement that take place every year for pupils in Year 2 -9. Personalised assessments, now completed online, are adaptive meaning that questions are selected based on the responses to previous questions. This provides a tailored assessment experience for each learner and will help all learners develop their skills through understanding what they can do, the things they need to work on, and their next steps. The Personalised Assessments provide teachers with the opportunity to assess and monitor their learners' development and allows them to put appropriate interventions / measures in place to support, challenge and stretch their learning further.

Learners will have opportunities in their timetabled lessons to practise a range of question types that could come up in the assessment. As well as this, I would like to draw your attention to the familiarisation assessments that can be completed at home in advance of the formal assessment should you wish to do so. To access these your child will need to be logged into Hwb. From the home page select the Personalised Assessment icon and then click on the Familiarisation assessment tab. You will then need to click 'Numeracy Procedural', 'Numeracy Reasoning' or 'English Reading' as appropriate.

Feedback from the assessments will be available shortly after completion in the form of scores, age-standardised scores and progress reports. Your child will be shown how to access this feedback in school and will then be able to share their results with you at home.

If you would like more information on the Personalised Assessments, please see the following link that will take you to the government website:

[https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments-information-for-parents-and-carers.](https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments-information-for-parents-and-carers)

Yours faithfully,

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