



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Alex O'Donnell

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

KS3 reading tests

We are writing to let you know that Beths will soon be assessing the reading age of all Year 7 students.

It is standard practice to assess reading age in most schools. As well as valuing reading for pleasure as part of our whole-school literacy policy, we recognise that a high level of reading skill is necessary for accessing all areas of the curriculum. It is also a requirement under the new Ofsted framework that we hold quantitative data on students' reading ages.

The tests are provided by Renaissance Learning. Students will sit them in an IT room during their normal English lessons. They will be provided with a login so that they can access the test.

The test should be seen not as an exam that students have to 'pass' as such, rather an online quiz that will help teachers plan for the needs of all their learners.

We intend to complete the Year 7 tests in the next two weeks.
Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Rosalind Easton
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KS3 English Lead