

## ***NRT Support***

Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 complete a National Reading Test (NRT) each year which provides them with a standardised score. Throughout the year, pupils are given support in how to answer the paper to the best of their ability in a number of ways:

- 1) once a week, during form time, pupils complete 'Literacy Legends' which uses the same question types and formats;
- 2) across the curriculum, pupils are exposed to multiple text types and asked NRT style questions;
- 3) in the lead up to the test, pupils complete a bespoke teaching unit in order to prepare pupils for the tests.

However, pupils can also prepare at home in a number of ways. Please consider helping in the following ways:

- keeping your child calm, with plenty of sleep;
- talking to your child about the test, asking how they're doing and showing that you're interested;
- encouraging your child to read a variety of texts, from books, to magazines and blogs;
- read some of the same texts as your child and ask simple questions to check understanding; for example, 'What happened to ...' or 'Why do you think the writer finished the story like that?';
- try to extend your child's vocabulary by using more complex words yourself and explaining their meaning.

These strategies will help prepare your child for the National Reading Test but will also help their reading ability and academic progress more generally.