



16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Subject: Year 9 Access Arrangements Screening – GL EXACT Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all students are able to access examinations fairly and appropriately, we will be conducting access arrangements screening for the entire Year 9 cohort on **Monday 22nd June 2026**.

Y Band will be tested during lesson 1 and X band during lesson 2.

The screening will take place in the school sports hall and will be administered by a qualified Access Arrangements Assessor, with support from school invigilators.

The assessment tool being used is GL EXACT (Examination Access Arrangements Core Tests). GL EXACT is a nationally recognised screening assessment designed to identify whether a student may require examination access arrangements for internal assessments and future public examinations, such as GCSEs. The assessment measures key areas that can affect examination performance, including:

- Reading accuracy and comprehension
- Reading speed
- Spelling
- Writing speed
- Cognitive processing skills associated with learning and examinations

The screening does not diagnose specific learning difficulties. Instead, it provides objective evidence that helps the school determine whether further investigation may be required and whether a student may be eligible for reasonable examination access arrangements in accordance with the regulations set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

Examples of access arrangements may include:

- Extra time
- A reader
- A scribe
- Use of a word processor
- Rest breaks

Please note that screening results alone do not automatically entitle a student to access arrangements. Any arrangements granted must meet the relevant awarding body criteria and reflect a student's normal way of working within school, which will include teacher feedback.

Students do not need to prepare for the assessment. The screening is computer-based, straightforward to complete, and will take place during the normal school day.

Should the assessment indicate that further investigation is required, I will have a conversation with your young person to determine what support will be most beneficial for them to succeed as best as they can in any future assessments or examinations.

If you have any questions regarding the screening process, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address below.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "jblackett". The signature is written in a cursive, lowercase style.

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