

## Testing

All pupils from Year 7- Year 11 are tested over the course of the academic year, using an online software package: Renaissance (STAR assessments). Students who perform as On Watch, Intervention or Urgent Intervention in September will be retested in February.

Please see below the testing structure:

Year	When will testing occur?
7	September, February, June
8	September, February, June
9	September, February, June
10	September, February, June
11	September, February

Please see below the link to the Renaissance website:

<https://www.renaissance.com/products/star-assessments/>

The results of the test allow us to track the progress that is made by your child. The students will take these tests electronically to give us instant feedback on how they have performed. The average test should take the students around 15 to 20 minutes and is comprised of 24 questions. The questions scale with the student's attainment, so if a student is getting more questions correct, they get harder, whereas if a student is struggling more and more, they get easier until the program finds an appropriate level for the student.

The test populates how a child is performing through 4 categories:

- Urgent Intervention
- Intervention
- On Watch
- At/Above Benchmark.

Each category receives a separate approach to best support a child's development. Those on Urgent Intervention will receive bespoke interventions, with small class sizes, which are tailored to their needs as well as support their curriculum development. Those pupils requiring Intervention will receive extra support sessions as well as opportunities for support both in and out of lessons to ensure that numeracy skills are developed.