



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Exam access Testing

We hope that you and your families are well at this time.

As we approach the GCSE examinations, we are beginning to determine if any student with a Special Educational Need will require additional support in their upcoming exams. This testing will be completed 1-1 as a withdrawal from a lesson and will take approximately 1 hour .

We will complete a **Dyslexia Portfolio Reading speed test**, DASH free **writing test** and an SDMT **processing speed test** and a **CTOPP2 processing speed** which tests phonological awareness and short-term memory.

If a student meets the criteria for one (or in some cases more than one) adjustment, we will apply to the Joint council for Qualifications. If accepted, exam boards are expected to make 'reasonable adjustments' to meet the particular needs of a SEND learner under the Equality Act without affecting the integrity of the assessment.


**Reasonable Adjustments** All reasonable adjustments should remove the difficulties a student may face and may put them at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to their peers. There must be firm evidence of a barrier to assessment before any reasonable adjustment may be put in place.

We will be in touch to advise you further on examination access arrangements for your son/daughter.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, or if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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