NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE SCHOOL

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Dear NCS Parents and Carers,

Important: Supporting your child's GCSE success through reading

As your child moves through Key Stage 4, developing strong reading skills becomes more vital than ever. The ability to read fluently and extract key details directly impacts performance across all GCSE subjects—from understanding complex exam questions in science and humanities to analysing texts in English.

Over the next few weeks, all KS4 students will complete a **Reading Plus** assessment. The Reading Plus adaptive assessment, InSight, provides a fast and effective way to determine students' reading proficiency and ensure they are on a personalised learning path to success.

How we use this data to support your child:

- **Targeted Intervention:** We will identify students who need extra help and enrol them in structured reading intervention programmes tailored to their specific needs.
- **Building Confidence:** Focused support ensures students feel fully prepared and confident tackling the high literacy demands of their upcoming GCSE papers.
- **Tracking Progress:** Accurate baseline data helps us monitor improvement and adjust classroom support continuously.

Please talk to your child about the upcoming assessment. Emphasise that this is not an exam they can "fail," but stress the importance of trying their absolute best so we have an accurate picture of how to support them.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting your child's education and future success.

Kind regards,

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