

New PiRA and New PUMA: 2021 cohort benchmarks ahead of the release of standardised scores for the summer test papers

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Dear Headteacher,

As a valued customer of New PiRA and New PUMA, we recently wrote to you about the release of the standardised scores for the summer test papers in **August 2021**. In advance of the publication of these standardised scores, we will provide **2021 cohort benchmarks** so that you can compare your pupils' and school's performance against this year's cohort and interpret and report on results.

We will work as quickly as possible to generate these **2021 cohort benchmarks** and will publish them before the end of the school term. The reason for this timing is because we need the standardisation trial of New PiRA and New PUMA summer papers to have taken place, as well as marking and anonymised data aggregation and checking.

Once generated, the **2021 cohort benchmarks** will be presented in a table that looks this:

Raw score	2021 cohort benchmark
<xx	Below average 2021
xx-xx	Potential to be secure 2021
xx-xx	Secure for year group 2021
xx-xx	High performers 2021
>xx	Top performers 2021

NB: The 2021 cohort benchmarks are intended for interim use only and will be replaced with final standardised scores and performance indicators when available. The raw scores in the 2021 cohort benchmarks will differ from test to test, so we will provide one for every summer test. They will apply to New PiRA and New PUMA only.

We hope that once published this interim data will prove to be helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at onlinesupport@rsassessment.com.

With very best wishes,

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