



Dear Parents,

Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

In support of our setting process for 2020-21, I am writing to inform you that next week all Year 7 students will be completing a series of online assessments in school. Known as Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs), these diagnostic exercises have been developed by GL Assessments to help provide insight into a child's developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning – and it provides an objective perspective on potential student achievement.

Once completed, the data from these assessments will be used alongside teacher assessment from KS2 and baseline assessment data (drawn from in-class assessments across all core subjects) to inform setting decisions made for the start of Term 2 (after October Half Term). Further details of this process will be provided in due course.

There are three parts to the assessment, with all parts being undertaken online in the school computer suite. Each part lasts approximately 40 minutes and will be completed during one lesson over three days according to the following schedule:

Tuesday 22nd September: Part 1
Wednesday 23rd September: Part 2
Thursday 24th September: Part 3

Please be advised that no preparation from students is necessary, as this is a means of determining current ability levels in order to ensure that all students are in the most appropriate group to allow them to make maximum progress.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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