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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 - CAT4 Test (Cognitive Abilities Test)

Over the next two weeks every student in Year 7 will participate in CAT4 diagnostic assessments. As explained at Information Evening, these are designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn.

CAT4 tests give the school a broad, rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. This data will be used internally only and will form part of the suite of data available to us to monitor pupil progress over time, which is particularly pertinent to this year group given the absence of KS2 data. In addition, students will sit subsequent baseline tests in English, Maths and Science. The results of these tests do not contribute to sets, or streaming, in Year 7.

By the end of this week Form Tutors will give students a timetable of when their form will be completing these tests.

As this is not a test of learnt knowledge, we advise against any kind of practice. There is no revision, or preparation, required for these tests. However, we do ask that all students bring a pair of headphones (with a 3.5mm jack, the same as they already bring for Music lessons) with them on their allocated days.

If your child is absent or self-isolating we will make alternative arrangements for them when they return.

I appreciate that any kind of testing can cause some anxiety for students and I am grateful for your support in allaying any concerns about these assessments with your child.

Yours sincerely

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