

20th September 2024

Year 7 CAT Testing

Dear Parent/Carer,

In school, we wish to assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them to learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) to all students in Year 7.

CAT is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. Although students will need to do their best in these tests, no preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or specific knowledge is needed to complete the tests. CAT has many uses and can help your child and his/her teacher to plan appropriately and set targets for Key Stage 3 and 4.

After the assessment is finished, we will be in touch again with results and our plans, if any, for further follow-up.

The CAT assessments will take place on:

Monday 30th September for students in teaching group 7A and 7B

Tuesday 1st October for students in teaching groups 7C and 7D

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Mason
Assistant Headteacher