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Dear Parents / Carers

As part of Year 7's induction all students undertake Cognitive Ability Testing (CATs).

This set of tests measures the three areas of reasoning - verbal, non-verbal and numerical. The results provide an indication of a student's potential and what they could achieve at Key Stages 3 and 4. They also help identify strengths, areas for development and preferred learning styles for each child. In the absence of National Key Stage 2 data this summer they will also be used to inform target-setting and the development of individual learning plans.

The CATs test will take place week beginning 20th September 2021

Students will sit three 45-minute online tests in the ICT suites. We recommend that students bring in a set of earphones or headphones so that they can listen to the instructions being given for each question as well as reading them on the screen.

Students cannot revise for the CAT tests but I would recommend that they have a good night's sleep before each test to ensure that they are fully alert and perform to the best of their ability.

Further information on CATs Testing can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.gi-assessment.co.uk/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

If you have any questions regarding the CATs tests then please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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