

## **Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs); w/c – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Dear Parent / Carer

During the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will be completing Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) with students in Year 7.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

While many tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

As these tests are used as a baseline for ability, special access arrangements for exams do not apply.

Please find attached the schedule for the tests. The tests will be completed in form groups.

For more information about CATs, please follow the below link:

<https://www.gi-assessment.co.uk/support/cat4-product-support/cat4-information-for-parents/>

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

Yours faithfully,

Owen Morgan

**CAT – Testing Timetable**

**Year 7**

**W/C – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Lesson	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	7W1	7U1	7S1	X	Mop Up
2	7U1	7U2	X	7U1	Mop Up
3	7U2	7W1	X	7U2	X
4	7S1	X	7S2	7S1	Mop Up
5	7S2	X	7W1	7S2	Mop Up

