



4 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that from Wednesday the 11th September until Thursday 19th September all Year Seven pupils will be taking part in a set of cognitive ability tests, or CATs as they are known by. All pupils will also be tested for Maths, English, progress tests and NGRT (reading test).

These are used with all pupils in Year Seven across Lancashire and in many schools nationally. The tests are designed to give us an idea of your child's underlying abilities in key areas: verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning (number skills), general problem solving, reading and spelling.

The Progress Tests are used to assess pupils' knowledge, understanding and application in the core subjects only and will provide a helpful insight into progress as well as any gaps in their learning.

The tests are designed to be taken without any need for revision or preparation. They are a set of very simple exercises and are nothing for pupils to worry about. The results of the tests will be used by school to give us an idea of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and how they learn best. The results will also help us with lesson planning and groupings of pupils.

It is very important that pupils attend school and are on time for the tests.

Thank you for your help and support with this matter.

Yours faithfully

V. Fairweather

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Exams Officer