



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to inform you that on Tuesday 27/09/22 and Wednesday 28/09/22, we will be running Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) tests for year 7. CATs are assessments of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning – and provide teachers with an accurate analysis of potential student achievement. **Students cannot 'revise' for CATs tests.**

The schedule for the CATs tests is as follows:

## Tuesday 27/09/22 Year 7 bands A and B

**Period 1:** Figure classification and figure matrices.

**Period 2:** Verbal reasoning skills.

**Period 3:** Number sequencing.

## Wednesday 28/09/22 Year 7 bands C and D

**Period 1:** Figure classification and figure matrices.

**Period 2:** Verbal reasoning skills.

**Period 3:** Number sequencing.

The CATs tests are completed in a specific way using pencil marks that are scanned through a machine. Please ensure your child arrives on time to school on Tuesday 27/09/22 and Wednesday 28/09/22, fully equipped for the tests with the following stationery:

- 2-3 sharpened pencils.
- 1 pencil sharpener.
- 1 rubber.
- 1 pen.
- A reusable water bottle (not single-use plastic)

If you would like to know more about CATs or the skills they are testing, please visit the GL assessment website: [www.gl-assessment.co.uk](http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

C Nash  
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