

30/04/2024

Dear Parent,

Our Exams team will be visiting Oakfield Academy on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** where your child will be required to complete their CAT tests. This is part of our enhanced transition program. This will be a computer-based test where your child will need to listen to instructions using headphones. If your child has their own headphones, we would like it if they could bring these in on the day. The test will start at **8:45am**.

The CATs are completed every year as a diagnostic test for Year 9 students which will determine the set that is appropriate to them for when they start at Frome College. The information we receive from the CAT results will support us in ensuring that your child is working towards reaching their potential and to give staff an understanding of their strengths and areas for development. The information is also used in conjunction with feedback and assessment information from Oakfield Academy. They are an indicator of a child's innate ability in logic and problem solving, so **there is no need for revision** beforehand and absolutely no need to worry! Our only expectation is that each child does their best on the day and takes pride in their efforts. The test is taken in three parts and will take 120-135 minutes in total.

At Frome College some subjects do teach in sets and this information is used alongside other data we receive from their time at Oakfield Academy to help us with this process. CATs can also be used to ensure an individual student receives appropriate support and challenge.

We are of course very much looking forward to seeing you at our Transition Parents Information evening on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, details to follow**.

If you have any questions or concerns about these CAT tests, then please contact me on [sfrew@fromecollege.org](mailto:sfrew@fromecollege.org)

Many Thanks

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