



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

**Year 7 CAT4 Assessments**

As part of the transition to high school we are asking your child to take part in some assessments which are commonly known as CAT tests. It is an assessment of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. There is no pass or fail and there is no way or need to revise or prepare for these assessments.

We will be talking to your child in class about these assessments and reassuring them that they are only being used as an indication of areas of strength and highlighting where extra support may be needed. They are only a small part in how we as a school get to know your child and are able to ensure that we challenge and support everyone to achieve their full potential. The results of these assessments are for school use only and as such we don't intend to report on the results to either you or your child.

The assessments will be administered within the classroom during lesson times and will be online using your child's Chromebook. A set of headphones will be needed for each child so we ask that they bring their own to school each day for use with their Chromebook. They are available to purchase in our online shop for the cost of £1.

There are 3 different assessments that will last for 45 minutes each. The children will be supported in these assessments by the class teacher and an invigilator. The assessments will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. All three assessments will be undertaken during the first lesson of the day.

If you have any questions regarding these assessments please contact me on [t.mclardy@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:t.mclardy@tarletonacademy.org)

Kind regards,

Mr T McLardy

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