



13th 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 commonly known as CAT tests. These are assessments of 'developed' abilities in certain areas that are known to make a difference to learning and achievement. There are 3 assessments, namely - verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative & 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 to possibly highlight where extra support may be needed. The assessments are only a small part of how we, as a school, get to know your child and ensure that we challenge and support them 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 time and will be accessed online using your child's Chromebook. A set of headphones will be needed for each child which we will provide, and we ask that they bring them to school each day to use with their Chromebook.

The 3 different assessments will last 45 minutes each and will take place on 3 consecutive days. The children will be supported in these assessments by the class teacher and an invigilator. The dates of the assessments are Monday 19th October, Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October 2020.

If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please contact me on:
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Regards

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