



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to The Westleigh School and provide you with an overview of the assessments that your child will be undertaking over the coming weeks.

Year 7 will start the year being taught in mixed ability form groups. Students usually spend all their school life in the same form group so this is the ideal opportunity for your child to get to know their peers over the first few weeks of school. As we gather further assessment information we will begin to place students in sets based on their ability.

Literacy Assessments

As you know, here at The Westleigh School we are aiming to work together with students and parents to improve levels of literacy. This means we want to help students become better writers, more fluent readers and confident, articulate speakers.

With this in mind all Year 7 students will be tested to ascertain their individual reading ages, which will be measured against their chronological age. Students will complete an online reading assessment. This information will then be shared with all teachers in order for levels of literacy to be taken into account when planning for progress in every subject. Students cannot revise for these tests and they are certainly nothing to worry about.

Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)

All our year 7 students will also be taking Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). These tests are designed to assess a students' ability in three areas: verbal, quantitative and non-verbal. The results may be used to see if a student is under achieving or whether there are specific learning difficulties. These tests are taken on-line in our IT suites. As with the literacy assessment, these tests can't be prepared for and are nothing to worry about.

We will authorise, on your behalf for future assessment tests to be supplied to GL Assessment and Fischer Family Trust (FFT) who will then complete an analysis that allows us to assess where we need to provide further support to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

The testing programme will take place as follows:

CAT tests	
Monday 6 th September	7B1, 7B2 and 7B3
Tuesday 7 th September	7B4 and 7A4
Wednesday 8 th September	7A1, 7A2 and 7A3
Reading tests	
Monday 13 th September	7A4
Wednesday 15 th September	7B1, 7B2, 7B3, 7A1, 7A2, 7A3
Thursday 16 th September	7B4

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions relating to the assessments outlined above,
Yours sincerely

Mr P Lamoury
Deputy Headteacher

