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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 CAT Tests

In school, we wish to assess our Year 7 students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them to learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) to all Year 7 students.

CAT's are made up of series of short tests, which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

Testing will take place in the Main Hall on Wednesday 23rd September for Y side students, and Thursday 24th September for X side students. Students will be escorted from their designated classrooms by their teacher, during lessons. Students will have their break for lunch during Period 3. Please be assured that the tests will be carried out in line with current Covid19 guidance and our own risk assessment.

Any Students absent on test days will be tested on their return.

Students who need additional help with the CAT tests will work in a small group where support will be given. This will not invalidate the test results, which will be provided by the GL Assessment Computer Scoring Service who assess the CAT.

To complete the tests, students will need to bring with them an HB pencil, a pencil sharpener and an eraser. All other materials will be provided by school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Garrity
Headteacher