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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 CATS

In school, we 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 Tests (CATs) to all Year 7 students.

CATs are made up of a series of short tests, assessing a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; please reassure your child that no preparation or prior knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

Testing will take place in the Main Hall on Monday 27th September for X side students, and Tuesday 28th September for Y side students. Student will be escorted from their designated classrooms by their teacher, during lessons. Students will have their break for lunch during Period 4.

Please be assured that the tests will be carried out in line with 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 be given support. This will not invalidate the test results, which are provided by the GL Assessment Computer Scoring Service.

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 faithfully

Mrs C Elliott
Exams Officer