

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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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 Sports Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September for groups 7S/7H/7R/7O students, and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September for 7T/7I/7D/7E students.** Students will be escorted from their designated classrooms by their teacher, during lessons. Students will have their break and lunch as usual.

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 after 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**