

JON/SEL

14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Students



## Re: CAT4 Testing

I am writing to let you know that we are going to be running reading tests and a Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) for all Year 7 students this term to identify their reading age.

As schools have been closed to the majority of students for a number of months this year and Primary Schools have not been able to give us SATs information, CAT assessments and reading tests can provide teachers with valuable information about where your child is in terms of ability, potential and how they learn. We then use the data to better support you and your child in lessons.

CAT tests are taken online and there is no need for revision or preparation. Reading tests will be delivered in lesson and again, will be low key. I would like to reassure you and your child that they are here to help and guide us with our teaching and that they are certainly nothing to worry about.

**The CAT tests are split into three sections and will run over three days, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, with your child sitting one section per day. Each section lasts 40 minutes and will be taken with the rest of their tutor group during one lesson as outlined below.**

Period and Time	Monday 21/09	Tuesday 22/09	Wednesday 23/09
P1 9am – 10am	7A (A1)	7B (A1)	7B (W1)
P2 10am – 11am	7B (C1)	7C (A1)	7A (P1)
P3 11:20am – 12:20pm	7C (A1)	7D (P1)	7E (W1)
P4 12:50pm – 1:50pm	7D (A1)	7E (P1)	7D (W1)
P5 1:50pm – 2:50pm	7E (P1)	7A (A1)	7C (C1)

We will gently remind students about where they need to be in tutor this week, but please share this information with your child. Please also do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions about any of the tests.

Yours sincerely

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