

07 September 2021

Dear Parents and Students

Re: CAT4 Testing

This term the Academy will be running an online Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) as well as reading tests for all Year 7 students. Given schools have been closed to the majority of students for a number of months this year and last year and the Key Stage 2 SATs were missed, CAT4 can provide the Academy with valuable information about where your child is in terms of ability, potential and how they learn, so we can better support you and your child.

The online test is split into three sections and will run during 2 consecutive lessons starting from Monday, 20th September. Students will be instructed by their Tutor to go straight to the designated computer room after tutor time. At the end of period 2 they will have break and then return to normal lessons from period 3 as outlined below.

Date	Tutor Group	Period	Room
Monday 20 th September	7A	1 and 2	A1
Tuesday 21 st September	7B	1 and 2	P1
Thursday 23 rd September	7C	1 and 2	P1
Friday 24 th September	7D	1 and 2	MU4
Monday 27 th September	7E	1 and 2	A1

We would like to reassure you and your child that there is no revision required and everything will be explained to them beforehand. These are ‘no pressure’ tests, there is not a pass or fail – these tests simply help us, as teachers, to know where your son or daughter is academically and assists us to identify how we can help them better. During Tutor time, Tutors will gently remind students about where they need to be during this week, but please share this information with your child.

Please also do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns about any of the tests.

Yours sincerely



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