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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are tremendously proud of how well our year 7's have settled into the new term and re-engaged with their learning. In school we have been focusing on re-booting their education and they have responded magnificently.

As a school, we know the importance of having an accurate appreciation of each student's abilities. Normally in year 7, in addition to the information provided to us by the student's primary school, we would have access to each student's Key Stage 2 SAT's results; as you are aware this year these tests did not take place.

Due to the absence of the usual Key Stage 2 data, we have therefore made the decision to run with a Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) for all students in year 7, this is an online assessment which provides us with some really useful information about how children best learn and how well they are able to respond to their learning in school.

Students are not required to do any preparation for the assessments, simply to arrive to their sessions and try their best with the activities they are asked to complete.

There are three assessments, which will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of October, students will be told where they need to go and when, so they are all able to access a computer at the right time.

***Please note that students will need headphones for the test – due to Covid restrictions, students will need to bring in their own set of headphones/earphones.***

If you wish to know more about the testing, the link below will take you to the CAT4 site.

<https://www.g1-assessment.co.uk/support/cat4-product-support/cat4-information-for-parents/>

Kind regards

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