

15th September 2026

Subject: Year 7 CATs – Monday 28th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that all Year 7 students will be completing their Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) on Monday 28th September 2026.

CATs are a set of short assessments that measure students' reasoning abilities in key areas such as verbal, non-verbal, and numerical thinking. They do not test specific subject knowledge but instead provide valuable insights into how each student learns and processes information.

The results help us build a fuller picture of your child's strengths and areas for development. This allows teachers to tailor support, set appropriate targets, and ensure students are challenged in the right way throughout Key Stage 3 and into Key Stage 4.

Please be assured that there is no need for revision or preparation for these assessments. It is important that students approach the CATs calmly and confidently, knowing they are not something to be worried about. They simply help us understand how best to support your child's learning.

To help the day run smoothly, please ensure that your child brings their fully charged Chromebook to school on the day of the tests. If your child does not yet have a chromebook, we will be able to lend them one for the tests.

We will be in touch again once the assessments are completed to share results and outline any next steps.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Freebourne

Assistant Headteacher