



14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

CATS testing for Year 7 and 8

In the absence of SATS exams at the end of year 6 for the last two years we are looking to develop our baseline data for years 7 and 8 to benchmark the students more accurately. In the week beginning 24th January 2021 and the week following this, we will be undertaking Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS tests).

The tests are broken down into three sessions, a 30-minute section, and two 40 minute sections. These will take place in two computing lessons and in a period 5 lesson in the week before and after half term. Tutors will be sharing details with students shortly.

The outcomes of these tests will help us form our benchmarks for the students between now and the end of year 11.

Students will be informed by their tutors in school. They will also be receiving an assembly from Mr Day and myself on this.

Please note that some parts of the assessment will require the use of headphones. If possible, please encourage your son/daughter to bring their own plug-in headphones or earphone (not airpods). If this is not possible, we will provide headphones that will need to be wiped down after each use.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Glover

Assistant Headteacher – Assessment, Tracking and Reporting

