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12th September 2013

Dear Parents / Carers,

CAT4 2013

I am writing to provide you with some details about the arrangements for the forthcoming year 7 CAT4 tests.

Cognitive ability testing (CAT) assesses a pupil's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material. This is through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. The resulting data can then be used to identify a pupil's strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences. This provides accurate and reliable information that is essential for personalised learning. The more we know about a pupil, the better position we will be in to offer a learning environment and ways of teaching and learning that allow all students to maximise their potential.

The CAT4 takes approximately 2¼ hours to complete. Pupils will have two breaks during this time. It will be completed on-line which is both easier for the pupils but also allows a quicker response time. Those in lower school forms ending in 1s and 2s will complete CAT4 on **Wednesday 18th September 2013** and those in the forms ending in 3s and 4s will complete the tests on **Thursday 19th September 2013**.

There is no need for pupils to prepare for the CAT4, as there is no revision that can be done. The best preparation is for them to ensure they have had a good breakfast and come to school in a positive frame of mind. This will allow them to perform at their best and therefore fully demonstrate their potential.

The CAT4 will take place in one of the schools ICT suites and pupils will be told where they need to go by their form tutor.

Pupils will need to bring with them a normal pair of headphones in order to complete this assessment. The school has a few spares but not sufficient to issue to all pupils. The headphones that come with an MP3 player or mobile phone are perfectly adequate.

I hope this answers all your questions but if not then please feel free to contact me using the details below.

Kind Regards,

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