



Hinchbrooke School

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Dear parents /carers

CAT4 2013

You may recall us writing to you earlier last term informing you that all of year 7 would be taking the CAT4 tests. We have now completed these tests and collated all of the results and are in the process of analysing how to use these most effectively. We feel it is extremely important that parents are kept informed of the results, understand what they mean and how we will use them as a school. We have used these results along with KS2 SATs data to calculate end of Year 7 targets. You will also find enclosed a copy of your child's report generated by CAT4, which illustrates how your child did on each area of the test and personalised strategies that could be used at home to ensure they meet or exceed these targets.

We have ensured that all staff have access to this information and as such, the next step will be an interview between your child and their form tutor. In this short interview, the tutor will discuss what the results mean and will be able to advise your child about how they might learn best. They will also be shown how this information has been used to generate the target grades they have been given for the end of year 7.

We are hopeful that the report is clear and answers all of your questions; we have also included answers to some frequently asked questions on the reverse of this letter. We have also enclosed an information sheet on the levels of progress and what they mean. If, however, there is anything else you would like to know then please feel free to contact the Lower School team, using the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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Frequently asked questions

What will the school do with this data?

This data has been used alongside other data, e.g. KS2 SATs results to guide us in setting targets for the end of Y7. Heads of department will also use the information to analyse groupings and advise their staff on how best to support students in their subject areas. Tutors will monitor progress of students in their tutor groups and conduct interviews this term and next to ensure students are on track and are being supported in meeting or exceeding their target grades. It will also be used to help plan interventions and to identify any students who may need additional support.

Will my child's teachers be aware of this information?

All teachers will have access to the CAT4 reports - both the ones that have been sent home and specific teacher reports as well. In addition the year 7 team will be analysing the data alongside the PASS reports to identify students that may need additional support in various areas.

The CAT 4 shows two indicator grades (a target and an 'if challenged') - why did you pick the higher one to be the target grade?

As a school we aspire to do the best we can for our students. Part of this is to provide an education that offers the greatest chance for all students to be stretched and challenged. By choosing the 'if challenged' grade we believe this reflects this ethos and the schools mission- to inspire excellence and fulfil potential.