



16th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Between 30th September & 10th October we will be running Cognitive Ability Testing (CAT) for all students in Year 7. Many schools, across the country, issue these tests during the first few weeks of Year 7 and they are a common part of the transition to secondary school. The tests will enable us to assess all students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve.

CAT is made up of three, 45-minute, computer-based tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests. CAT has many uses and can help your child and their teachers to plan appropriately.

The CAT tests will be completed during three lessons. Students will be asked to report to their normal classroom, before re-locating to one of our computer rooms with their normal teacher. Please find details of the schedule and venues below:

CATs Assessment Schedule:

7Z1	Date	Period	Venue	Normal Lesson	Teacher
Assessment 1	3.10.25	3	PC9	IT	ASR
Assessment 2	3.10.25	5	RC6	Maths	CFN
Assessment 3	10.10.25	5	PC9	Geography	VSH

7Z2	Date	Period	Venue	Normal Lesson	Teacher
Assessment 1	30.9.25	5	RC6	Geography	CWN
Assessment 2	1.10.25	5	PC9	IT	ASR
Assessment 3	3.10.25	2	PC10	Science	TEK

7Z3	Date	Period	Venue	Normal Lesson	Teacher
Assessment 1	3.10.25	4	RC6	Geography	EHL
Assessment 2	6.10.25	2	PC9	IT	ASR
Assessment 3	6.10.25	5	RC6	Science	SBC

7Z4	Date	Period	Venue	Normal Lesson	Teacher
Assessment 1	1.10.25	1	PC9	Drama	AMG
Assessment 2	2.10.25	3	PC9	Science	RHF
Assessment 3	10.10.25	3	PC9	English	LBM

7Z5	Date	Period	Venue	Normal Lesson	Teacher
Assessment 1	8.10.25	5	PC9	History	SBN
Assessment 2	9.10.25	1	PC9	IT	ASR
Assessment 3	10.10.25	3	RC6	Maths	HRB

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Miss Mooney, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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