

14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of our current target setting procedures, all Year 7 and Year 9 undertake Cognitive Ability Testing (CATs). CAT's give an independent assessment of potential regardless of the school experience a student has received. The three tests will be completed on computers and consist of a series of multiple choice questions. The tests cannot be prepared for and should not be a cause for worry. The dates for testing are given below.

Year 7	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 Periods 2, 3 & 5
Year 9	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 Periods 1, 2 & 4

Instructions for the tests are given on screen and through the computer speakers. We are advised by the test administrators that students find wearing headphones an aid to their concentration. As such we would like to encourage the students to bring in their own 'Walkman/MP3' style earpiece headphones for the tests. We have a very small supply of more traditional headphones that can be borrowed from school if a student does not have access to any.

The week will also contain English and Maths assessments for year 7 only. The results of which will be combined with scores from primary testing and will allow us to establish a starting point for measuring progress. Again, these tests do not need any extra preparation work by the students.

Yours sincerely

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