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Dear Parent or Carer

In the academy, we wish to assess all of our pupils to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the *Cognitive Abilites Test (CAT)* to all pupils in Year 7.

CAT is made up of a series of short tests which assess a pupil'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 his/her teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for different Key Stages and for GCSE and A level (or standardized and Intermediate Grade exams).

After the assessment is finished, we will be in touch again with results and our plans, if any, for further follow-up.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Bullock
EXAMINATIONS/DATA ADMINISTRATOR