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Dear Families

As part of our Year 7 induction all students in the year group will be completing a set of Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). We ask students to complete these tests as, combined with the information received from their primary school, they give an insight into a student's academic abilities and allow us to place students into classes better suited to their learning.

CATs comprise of several sections, each designed to assess a different aspect of a child's cognitive ability. The four sections are:

- Verbal Reasoning – This section evaluates students' comprehension, vocabulary and logical thinking skills.
- Non-Verbal Reasoning – This section looks at visual-spatial reasoning, pattern recognition and problem solving.
- Quantitative Reasoning – In this section students mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills are assessed.
- Spatial Awareness – This part evaluates students' ability to understand and manipulate visual representations of space and objects.

CATs are designed to be taken with little preparation, as they aim to assess students' current abilities and potential. However, if you want to share examples with your son/daughter to help them prepare, you will find a range of questions on Atom Learning: <https://atomlearning.com>.

The CATs will be completed during P1 on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 September in the Main Hall. The SEND department will be running smaller group sessions with identified students. As part of the Year 7 assembly next week, I will be going in and explaining to them how the tests work, why we do them and what the results mean.

Inevitably some students will be anxious about sitting the tests but please try and reassure them, as we will do in the assembly, that the purpose is to use the results to support them as they start their time with us. If you have any questions or queries, please contact me or Head or Year, Miss Durrant.

Kind Regards

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