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Dear Parent/Carer,

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In school, we assess our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them to learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering Cognitive Abilities Tests (*CAT4*) to all students in Years 7.

*CAT4* is made up of a series of short 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.

*CAT4* has many uses and can help your child and their teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for different key stages and for GCSE exams.

The tests start on Monday 11 September 2023 and run over 3 weeks. **Please find enclosed the timetable for the assessments.** There are 3 tests and all 3 parts of the test must be completed.

The tests will be taken in the classroom under test conditions using chrome books. Students are expected to bring the **correct equipment** which includes:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Scientific calculator
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case

**They must bring their own plug in headphones to use for the tests.**

After the assessment is finished, we will be in contact with our plans, if any, for further follow up.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people fulfil their potential at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.

Yours faithfully,

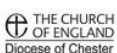
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