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Dear Student

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 running Cognitive Abilities Tests (*CAT4*) to all students in Year 7.

There are 3 short tests, which look at your reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. **No preparation is necessary:** it is important that you do not feel anxious because no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

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

The tests start week beginning Monday 11 September 2023. **Please find enclosed the timetable for the assessments.** The 3 tests will be completed over 3 separate periods. You must complete all 3 tests.

The tests will be taken within a classroom but under test conditions using Chrome Books. You need to bring the **correct equipment** which includes:

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

You must bring your own headphones to use for the tests.

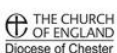
After the assessment is finished, we will be in contact with our plans, if any, for further follow up.

Miss Morris
Exams and Assessments Manager



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