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Dear Parents,

Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT's) are the most widely used assessments of students reasoning abilities. It is an assessment of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. They are in place to give school information which will help teachers know and support their students better.

New students will undertake computer-based CAT assessments beginning **Monday 18th September 2023** with an opportunity for any absent students to do these the week after if needed.

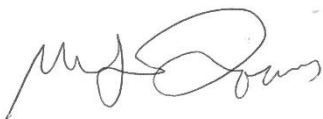
If you would like to view more information about the CAT assessments, please visit:

<https://www.gi-assessment.co.uk/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

There is **no need** for students to prepare (hence why we don't inform students too far in advance) or be worried about these assessments so please reassure student's that they are to help teachers support them if they talk to you about the assessments.

Students will be supported by their tutors and examination office staff to make sure they are able to access the on-screen assessment.

Kind regards,



Mr Downs
Deputy Headteacher