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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Intake Tests

As part of our academic monitoring of students we have for a number of years given the students a CAT (Cognitive Ability Test) on their entry into the school. This gives us a base line test for all students.

The CAT is not a test students can revise for and it falls into three units - English (spelling and sentences), Maths and spatial awareness based on identifying shapes and patterns. The results from the test enable the school to set appropriate academic targets for students and to monitor carefully their progress. The tests will start on Friday 25 September (two tutor groups) and will conclude on Monday 28 September (one tutor group). In total the students will sit three 45 minute tests and one internal reading test.

We expect all students to take the test and for them to be in school. Any student who misses a test will have to take it at a later stage, therefore, it is very important that all the students are in school during this period to avoid missing lessons later on to take the tests. Students will sit the tests online using the school computer network and they should not be anxious about them. Students do not receive the results of the tests as their value is for the teaching staff to set targets for students.

Yours sincerely

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