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Dear Parents of Year 7 students,

For the last fifteen years we have tested Year 7 students in their first term to improve our baseline assessment data. We feel that this helps us to:

- identify students' profiles and learning needs
- monitor students' progress
- identify and address underachievement
- set targets for KS3 and GCSE
- check our school's value added score.

We use Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATS), which are published by GL Assessment and are used widely across the country. They are a battery of tests that provide a set of measures of a pupil's ability to use and manipulate abstract and symbolic relationships. In other words:

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| 1. Figure classification / Figure matrices | Approx. length of test session 30 minutes |
| 2. Verbal classification / Verbal analogies / Number analogies | Approx. length of test session 45 minutes |
| 3. Number series / Figure analysis / Figure recognition | Approx. length of test session 45 minutes |

The tests have been organised as follows:

FORM	TEST 1			TEST 2			TEST 3		
	Date	AM/PM	IT Room	Date	AM/PM	IT Room	Date	AM/PM	IT Room
7W	MonA 20th September	AM	S02	ThursA 23rd September	PM	S03	WedB 29th September	PM	F12
7S	WedA 22nd September	AM	S02	ThursA 23rd September	PM	F12	MonB 27th September	PM	S02
7F	WedA 22nd September	AM	F12	ThursA 23rd September	AM	S02	TuesB 28th September	PM	S02
7G	WedA 22nd September	PM	F14	MonB 27th September	AM	S02	ThursB 30th September	PM	S02
7C	WedA 22nd September	PM	S02	WedB 29th September	PM	F14	ThursB 30th September	AM	S02
7H	WedA 22nd September	PM	F12	ThursA 23rd September	PM	S02	FriB 1st October	PM	S02

Students are not expected to revise, or prepare in any other way for the tests.

We expect all year 7 students to be present for all of the tests, so please try to avoid any medical appointments.

If you require any further details please contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully,

David Shackson

Mr D Shackson
Interim Deputy Head

