

Our Ref: SRE/Year 7  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 students will be taking part in CAT4 tests on Tuesday 2nd November.

### **What are CAT4 Tests?**

CAT4 tests are online assessments that provide us with a rounded profile of students' ability. This allows us to accurately and effectively target support, ensure we are providing the right level of challenge, and make more informed decisions about students and their progress.

The Reports indicate strengths and weaknesses across four areas:

- Verbal reasoning
- Non-verbal reasoning
- Quantitative reasoning
- Spatial reasoning

### **Is this something students can or should revise for?**

The simple answer is no. The questions are not based on any part of the curriculum that students will have studied, being more about understanding and interpreting than a knowledge of facts.

### **What happens in the tests?**

The CAT4 test are comprised of three sections, with 45 minutes allotted for each section.

Each section of a CAT4 test includes practice examples, which familiarise the students with the style and format of the questions.

The tests will be taken in place of some timetabled lessons. Student's tutors will let them know at what time and which computer room they will be taking the test in.

### **How does the school use the data from the tests?**

The information we receive from the tests includes summary reports, as well as written report for each student. These enable us to offer targeted intervention and support, helping students develop a solid and rounded set of core skills. We will also use the data to help us predict likely outcomes at the end of Key Stage 4 (Year 11).

If you have any concerns, then please don't hesitate to contact either myself, Mr Ford or Mr Brown.

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