17th September 2018

**To the Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Re: Year 7 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) & PASS Survey**

We wish to inform you that Year 7 will be involved in Cognitive Ability Tes

ts (CATs) and a PASS survey in place of their normal lessons during the mornings of the following dates:-

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Form Group** | **Room** |  | **Day** | **Date** | **Form Group** | **Room** |
| Monday | 24/09/18 | 7MCR | C13 |  | Monday | 01/10/18 | 7CWH | K11 |
| Tuesday | 25/09/18 | 7MRO | K10 |  | Monday | 01/10/18 | 7AHA | K10 |
| Tuesday | 25/09/18 | 7LGR | C13 |  | Tuesday | 02/10/18 | 7JTR | C13 |
| Wednesday | 26/09/18 | 7SHD | C13 |  | Wednesday | 03/10/18 | 7FCR | C13 |
| Thursday | 27/09/18 | 7CLL | C13 |  | Wednesday | 03/10/18 | 7DAI | K10 |
| Friday | 28/09/18 | 7HWL | C13 |  | Thursday | 04/10/18 | 7CRO | C13 |

The tests will be completed on computers and students may use headphones to listen to instructions that will also be displayed on screen. If your son/daughter would will like to use headphones, they may bring in their own personal headphones.

The CATs are made up of a series of short tests which assess a student’s reasoning and thinking abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. Cognitive Ability Tests are taken in schools throughout Lancashire and are used by teachers as part of their planning to meet the needs of individual students. The tests are not designed to require any specific revision and we do not want students and their parents/guardians to worry about them.

The results of the CAT tests provide teachers with a profile of the students’ strengths and weaknesses which they then use to help them plan for the needs of the students. The results of these tests are not routinely shared with parents and students.

The PASS survey measures student attitudes and consists of two parts, with the first survey taking place in the Autumn term followed by the second in the Summer term.

If you have any questions regarding the alternative arrangements on these days, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

 

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