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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7 Students

COGNITIVE ABILITY TESTS – 22nd & 23rd September 2026

We will be carrying out Cognitive Ability Tests on students at the beginning of year 7 to help us monitor students' progress and set academic targets for the year group. The tests will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September.

Each student will sit 3 tests on one day which will assess their ability to reason using words, numbers, symbols and patterns. Each test lasts no more than 45 minutes. Students will be briefed before each test and then work individually to complete it in the time allowed. Please see the attached timetable for the date and your child's seat number.

Students cannot and should not revise or prepare for these tests. They should bring 2 HB pencils and a rubber and the attached timetable. Students will follow this schedule for the day:

08:35 – 08:45	Attend registration
08:45 movement bell	Line up in atrium in seat numbers as per exam timetable
09:00	CATs – first test
09:45 movement bell	Break: students must stay in the atrium only or use toilets
10:00	Line up in atrium as before
10:05	CATs – second test
10:45 Break	As normal
11:05 Tutor	As normal
11:25 Period 3	As normal
13:10 movement bell	Line up in atrium as before
13:15	CATs – third test
14:15 Period 5	As normal

Please note that access arrangements such as extra time/scribes/readers are not used for CATs but will be applied, where appropriate, in future exams.

If you have any questions about these tests, please contact me on the email address below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Wyatt".

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