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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that all Year 7 students will undertake a Cognitive Assessment Test (CAT4). The purpose of this is to provide information of each student's academic strengths and areas for development in all subjects.

The CAT4 assesses ability to think across four different reasoning batteries:

- Verbal reasoning: thinking with words
- Quantitative reasoning: thinking with number
- Non-Verbal reasoning: thinking with shapes
- Spatial reasoning: thinking with shapes and space

The test is an assessment of ability and not attainment: **no pre-learning or preparation is necessary or helpful.**

Students should not feel worried about taking CAT4 and I would encourage you to support us in reassuring your child of this. Today, we explained to your child the information above and not to worry or think about the tests at all. To help with this, we do not plan to publish to date in which the CAT4 will be taken by your child.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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