

16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT4)**

In the absence of the Year 6 SATs examinations and to ensure your child achieves their full potential, we will be conducting Cognitive Abilities Tests. The information gathered from these tests, alongside our continual internal assessments, will help us to place your child into appropriate teaching groups that will help to maximise their progress.

CAT4's are made up of a series of three tests. Each test is approximately 45 minutes long. They assess a pupil's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that underpin their educational development and academic attainment. **These are not tests of learnt material so there is no need for pupils to revise for them.** Please do reassure your child of this at home.

Testing will take place during the week commencing 27th September. Pupils will sit their three assessments in separate sessions over the course of a week. They will take place during normal timetabled lessons. Each pupil will be given the times and venues for these sessions in advance. If a pupil misses an assessment, they will be allocated a catch up slot.

For further information, please visit:

<https://support.ql-assessment.co.uk/knowledge-base/assessments/cat4-support/information-for-parents/information-for-parents/>

There is also a short video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0DDUKuQtKc>

The page linked above will explain in detail what these assessments are and answer some commonly asked questions. If you have any further questions, please email [postbox@etonecollege.co.uk](mailto:postbox@etonecollege.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



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