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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of Year 7's first term all students will undertake Cognitive Ability Testing (CATs). We use CATs testing to take a current snapshot of each student's potential, what they could achieve and how they learn best. In the absence of National Key Stage 2 data this summer they will also provide a benchmark from which we can set student targets.

CATs fall into four categories: verbal reasoning (thinking with words); quantitative Reasoning (thinking with numbers); non-verbal Reasoning (thinking with shapes and space) and Spatial Awareness. The analysis of the results will be used to personalise the teaching and learning experience for each student, ensuring that all students receive appropriate support and challenge from the outset.

I would like to confirm that CATs testing will be completed next week in one of your child's timetabled lessons in Maths, Computing and Science. Students will complete the CATs Test on their iPads, so the same expectation applies to any other school day; they need to ensure their **iPad is fully charged** and they have a **working pair of headphones**.

I must stress that students can not complete preparatory work in advance of these tests. **The CATs are not tests students can revise for** and they should not be anxious about them. Students and parents will not get the results of the tests as their value is for the teaching staff to set targets for students.

Further information on CATs Testing can be accessed using the link below. CATs Testing <https://www.gla-assessment.co.uk/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

Should you have any questions about CATs Testing please do not hesitate to contact myself by email bpalmer@bohuntworthing.com

Yours sincerely

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