

10 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Each year the Year 7 cohort complete NFER Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). This test is the most widely used test of reasoning abilities (numerical, non-verbal, verbal and spatial reasoning), taken by two thirds of all secondary school children nationally. The results provide further information about a pupil's potential beyond the Key Stage 2 assessments.

There are three separate tests, which assess the following:

- Verbal Reasoning

Testing the ability to recognise patterns and relationships expressed in words

- Non-verbal reasoning

Testing the ability to problem solve using pictures and diagrams

- Quantitative Reasoning

Testing the ability to recognise patterns and relationships between numbers and numerical information

- Spatial Reasoning

Testing the ability to think and draw conclusions in three dimensions

The three tests are completed on paper and will be done in maths lessons, weeks commencing **Monday 16 September and Monday 23 September.**

	A Side	Z Side
Test 1	Thursday 19 September Lesson 3	Thursday 19 September Lesson 5
Test 2	Friday 20 September Lesson 5	Monday 23 September Lesson 4
Test 3	Tuesday 24 September Lesson 2	Tuesday 24 September Lesson 1

No preparation or revision is possible and we will reassure pupils that the tests are completed to help teachers look at strengths and weaknesses.

We will share the results with you in the November Progress Check.

Best wishes



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