



24 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

All Year 7 students will be taking a series of short Cognitive Abilities Tests at school on 29th- 30th September 2021. The tests will be marked externally and are part of a nationally recognised system for assessing pupils during their first year at secondary school and are supplementary to the SAT tests usually taken in Year 6. This is particularly important this year to support us in filling knowledge gaps resulting as a consequence of the school closures during the pandemic.

Students do not require any special equipment for the tests, only their normal pencil case containing a sharp pencil and rubber. Students do not need to revise for these tests.

We are cognisant any form of external test is likely to make students feel anxious. We would like to reassure parents that the information obtained from the completion of these tests will be invaluable in ensuring we know how best to support your child over the coming years.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Woolridge, Head of Year 7, at the school if you require any further information. woolridge@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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