

15 September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 - Cognitive Ability Tests September 2023

Rooks Heath School uses a set of assessment tests for Year 7 students as one of several ways in which we gather more information about your child's learning needs. These Cognitive Ability Tests (**CAT4**) will provide some indicators for the School of your child's potential and will help us to track their progress. They are assessments of verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. The information collected will be used alongside other types of assessment to form a fuller picture of how Rooks Heath School can best support and improve your child's learning.

We are going to carry out these tests over two mornings, with half of the year group each day.

Thursday 28th September: 7 Orange, 7 Red, 7 Violet & 7 Yellow will take the tests

Friday 29th September: 7 Blue, 7 Green, 7 Indigo & 7 White will take the tests

- On the day of their test, students should arrive at School at the usual time and go to registration in their Tutor Groups as normal. Students will then be taken to the Hall by their form tutor.
- Apart from morning break, those students will stay in the Hall until the series of tests has been completed.
- Students will be dismissed in good time for lunch and **will go to afternoon lessons as normal**. Please make sure they have the equipment they need for their afternoon lessons.
- Students who are absent on the day will sit the tests at another time.

The results are returned to us as an extensive set of data and statistics, so they are not reported to parents and carers. If, however, you wish to see your child's results, they will be available from School by prior appointment.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P. Parkinson
Head of Year 7