



18th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 7 students

Year 7 - Cognitive Ability Tests October 2025

Rooks Heath School uses a set of assessment tests for Year 7 students as one of several ways in which to gather more information about your child's learning needs. These Cognitive Ability Tests (**CAT4**) provide some indicators of your child's potential and help us to track their progress. They are assessments of verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. After students complete the tests, their papers are sent to GL Assessment's scoring department, where an electronic machine scans and scores them. The information collected is then used alongside other types of assessments to form a fuller picture of how Rooks Heath School can best support and improve your child's learning. There is no need for your child to revise for or prepare for the test in advance.

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

Thursday 2nd October: 7 Orange, 7 Red, 7 Violet & 7 Yellow will take the tests

Friday 3rd October: 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, the students will remain in the Hall until the series of tests has been completed.
- Students will be dismissed in good time for lunch and **will go to their afternoon lessons as per their normal timetable**. Please ensure they have the equipment they need for the 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. The results are **not reported** to parents/carers. If, however, you wish to see your child's results, they will be available from the school by prior appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C.L. Chan
Exams Officer

