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Dear Year 7 parents/carers

Re: CATs Assessments

I am writing to let you know that we will be conducting CATs (cognitive ability tests) assessments with Year 7 students at the end of this week. These assessments test a variety of different student attributes, such as numerical reasoning, the ability to recognise patterns, as well as literacy skills. The data collected will be extremely useful for teachers. In some cases, it will highlight students who may need additional support - we also use the data collected in our target setting procedure. I will be writing to you again next week to explain how we record and report on our students' progress here at St Dunstan's.

The assessments themselves will be conducted during normal lesson time and will take between 2 and 3 lessons. Students in Band A will be tested on Thursday and students in Band B will be assessed on Friday. There is no prior preparation required and students need not worry about these tests. They do not require any additional equipment. If we believe your child would make better progress in a different set, we will contact you first, before making any changes.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Armstrong
Assistant Headteacher