



Dear Parent/Carers

Year 9 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT4)

In order to ensure your child achieves their full potential, we will be conducting Cognitive Abilities Tests. The information gathered from these tests, alongside our continual internal assessments, will help us to place your child into appropriate teaching groups that will help to maximise their progress. They will also help us to determine your child's potential performance at GCSE and allow us to give them informed target grades for their courses.

CAT4 assessments are made up of a series of three tests. Each test is approximately 45 minutes long. They assess a pupil's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that underpin their educational development and academic attainment. **These are not tests of learnt material so there is no need for pupils to revise for them.** Please do reassure your child of this at home.

Testing will take place during the week commencing 25th June 2024. Pupils will sit their three assessments in separate sessions over the course of a week. They will take place during normal timetabled lessons. Each pupil will be given the times and venues for these sessions in advance. If a pupil misses an assessment, they will be allocated a catch-up slot.

For further information, please visit:

<https://support.gi-assessment.co.uk/knowledge-base/assessments/cat4-support/informationfor-parents/information-for-parents/>

There is also a short video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0DDUKuQtKc>

The page linked above will explain in detail what these assessments are and answer some commonly asked questions. If you have any further questions, please email postbox@etonecollege.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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