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Dear Parent/Carer

Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)

Our Year 7 cohort have had a great start to their learning during Term 1, they have settled well at the start of their secondary journey here with us at Chatham Grammar.

Typically, at the start of each academic year, Year 7 students who are new to the Academy undertake a set of assessments called Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs), to give us further insight into students' full potential and the way in which they best learn. These assessments involve students thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal), use of words (Verbal), numbers (Quantitative) and visual images (Spatial Ability) during a series of short papers held during a morning session on a typical academy day.

Year 7 students will be undertaking their CATs assessments on the morning of Tuesday 9th November. No preparation is necessary, and it is important to share with your child that no pre-learning or revision is needed to complete the tests and they should not worry about sitting the assessments as they are used as an indicator to best support their learning going forward. CATs have many uses and can help your child and their teachers to plan appropriately for helping them reach their full potential.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Term 1 ends this Friday at the usual time of 2pm and I wish students and families an enjoyable two week break over the half term. Students will return to us on Monday 8th November.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cawthorne

Assistant Principal for Year 7 and 8