



Monday 11 October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4)

Across Maiden Erlegh Trust, we assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, over the next week, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in Year 7.

CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

CAT4 has many uses and can help your child and his/her teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for KS4. In the absence of Key Stage 2 national testing this year it is particularly helpful to have this additional insight into your child's abilities. We will also be using this information to help support the Student Own Target Setting to take place next half term.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your school's deputy headteacher.

Yours faithfully

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