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Dear Parent/Carer

CAT4 Assessments

At The Kibworth School, we believe in providing each and every student with the opportunity to realise their full potential and achieve at the highest level. To gain a better understanding of the learning needs of our students, we are going to be administering a series of short cognitive ability assessments with all students in Year 7, during the week beginning **28th September**. We will then use the results from the assessment to improve the support we provide your child in their learning, and to determine whether further intervention is needed. It will also allow us to set targets for our students.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) assesses a student's ability to think across four different reasoning batteries:

- Verbal reasoning – thinking with words
- Quantitative reasoning – thinking with numbers
- Nonverbal reasoning – thinking with shapes
- Spatial reasoning – thinking with shapes and space

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of ability and not attainment, so no pre-learning or preparation is necessary. **Your child should not feel worried about taking CAT4, as prior knowledge is not required to complete it.** The results will be used, together with our internal assessment practices, to inform teachers about the strengths and development areas of each student. It is one of the measures, that, as a school, we are using to replace the information we normally have on each student from the KS2 SATs.

The test will be conducted online using computers in school. The test includes practice questions for each section before the test questions, so will take place over two lessons in the school day back to back.

The schedule for assessments is as follows:

- Thursday 30th September students in 7.5 & 7.6
- Friday 1st October students in 7.4
- Monday 4th October students in 7.1 & 7.2
- Tuesday 5th October students in 7.3 & any other students who missed their allocated slot.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Yours faithfully



Helen Stockwell

Vice Principal