

# The Sir John Colfox Academy



***Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence***

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Dear Parents

As part of our assessment of Year 7 this term, we aim to ascertain our student's needs and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, 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 different Key Stages and for GCSE and A-level (or Standard and Intermediate Grade exams). The tests will take place during the week commencing 27 September and will be divided into three sessions of one hour. Students requiring extra support will complete the tests with help in our SEN department.

Following the tests, information gained will be shared with class teachers to help them support students and set challenging targets for the year. No curriculum-related grades or reports will be issued to students.

If you would like further information, please have a look at the relevant website link <https://www.gla-assessment.co.uk/support/cat4-product-support/cat4-information-for-parents/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me in school if you should have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

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