



7 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 students,

RE: Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATS)

We hope your child has had a positive first two days here at Kingstone High School. As part of their transition, we wish to 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, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) to all students in Year 7 starting from 11th September 2023.

CATS are 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 revision is needed to complete the tests, which will take place over 2 lessons within the week.

CATS have many uses and can help your child and his/her teachers to plan appropriately and set targets. Instructions for the CAT tests are all given on screen for the students to read, however there are some tests which require students to listen. They will need to ensure that they bring their personal headphones, which are part of their school equipment list. They **MUST** bring in personal headphones, as we will **NOT** be providing headphones.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr D Cook
Assistant Headteacher