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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 7 and 8 CAT Tests**

At Church Stretton School, we wish to assess all our students to what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. To enable the school to support your child's learning and progress, we intend to run a series of Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> October 2021** for all Year 7 and 8 students. These tests assess how well a student can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. These tests are nothing to worry about and your child should not be concerned or anxious about them. Your child does not need to prepare for these tests; no revision or additional work is necessary. Cognitive Abilities Tests assess a pupil's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. Together, these four tests provide teachers with a comprehensive profile of a pupil's reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning.

The results of these tests will be shared with you, and we hope that you and your child will find this information useful. The results of these tests will not directly influence the group a student is placed in, these decisions will continue to be made as per the schools setting policy.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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