

22 September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 7 Assessments

As part of Driffield School & Sixth Form's assessment programme, all our Year 7 students sit the CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Tests), NGRT (New Group Reading Test) and NGST (New Group Spelling Test) in the first half-term of the new academic year.

These assessments do not require students to prepare and revise, as they are not a test of learnt knowledge. However, the assessments are extremely important and we require students to complete them sensibly and to the best of their ability.

The CAT4 assessment assesses how students think in the areas that are known to make a difference to learning. Tasks involve thinking about shape and patterns, words, numbers and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images.

The results of the assessments help teachers to understand how individual students learn and support schools in understanding students' abilities and likely academic potential.

Year 7 students will complete the assessments digitally during lesson time across the following dates:

- Tuesday 26 September to Thursday 5 October

Information about the assessments will be shared with students.

The standardised scores from the assessments will be shared with parents and carers in the end of autumn term progress data report.

If you have any questions about the Year 7 assessment programme, please contact Mr Evans or Mrs Warren.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Evans
Assistant Headteacher



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Assistant Headteacher & SENDCO