

1 October 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 7 Assessment Programme

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:

- Monday 5 October 2026 to Friday 16 October 2026

Information about the timings and location of these assessments have been shared with students in form time and the details have been stuck into their planners.

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 Holmes or Mrs Warren.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Holmes
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs F Warren
Assistant Headteacher & SENDCo