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Re: CAT Tests 22 September – 3 October

Dear Year 7 parent, carer and student

Over the next few weeks all Year 7 students will be completing some on-line tests which we will be using to help us establish where you currently are in your learning and what we most need to focus on to help you continue to improve. There are three of these 'CAT Tests' which ask you questions in three different areas:

Verbal (i.e. understanding and using words)

Quantitative (i.e. numbers)

Non-verbal (i.e. general thinking skills – puzzles, shapes and patterns)

The three tests will happen in three separate lessons predominantly during your Computing lesson and will take place in rooms B5 or B6. You don't need to worry about them in advance. They are not tests that you should try and prepare for. You can't pass or fail them. You won't be given a grade, and neither will your parents. They simply provide information to your teachers about where your strengths are and where you will need the most help and support.

You might find some questions easier; you will probably find some questions quite hard. Don't worry about this, just attempt what you can and guess or leave what you can't do and then forget all about it. The questions will be on the computer screen and are multiple-choice. You will answer them by selecting answer A, B, C or D on the computer. The only equipment that you need to have is a pen or pencil in case you want to do any rough working before answering a question.

If you are absent on any of these days, then we will arrange another opportunity the following week after you have returned to school. The lessons affected are as follows, you should go straight to B5/B6 at these times, your teacher will tell you which classroom you need to go to:

	Tutor Group	CATs Session 1		CATs Session 2		CATs Session 3	
		Date	Period	Date	Period	Date	Period
R1	07MHYo	Wed 24 Sep	2	Mon 29 Sep	4	Thurs 2 Oct	5
R2	07MAPo	Mon 22 Sep	5	Tues 23 Sep	1	Mon 29 Sep	3
R3	07MAHo	Thurs 25 Sep	4	Mon 29 Sep	2	Tues 30 Sep	1
R4	07MJRu	Fri 26 Sep	1	Tues 30 Sep	4	Thurs 2 Oct	2
T1	07MKRo	Thurs 25 Sep	2	Tues 30 Sep	2	Wed 1 Oct	3
T2	07MEWo	Thurs 25 Sep	5	Wed 1 Oct	5	Thurs 2 Oct	1
T3	07MHMo	Tues 23 Sep	5	Thurs 2 Sep	4	Fri 3 Oct	1
T4	07MILO	Wed 24 Sep	4	Wed 1 Oct	2	Fri 3 Oct	4

On another note, I just wanted to say that Year 7 have started their time at SMRT incredibly positively and we are really proud of their efforts last week, in particular their conduct in their first service at St Mary Redcliffe Church and their first assembly in the school hall was exemplary. Thank you for all your support at home.

There have been some very minor uniform issues that have been addressed by the pastoral team, so in light of this, please could parents / carers make sure that students are in the correct shoes - black and polishable - and that they are wearing the correct (black) socks. God bless you all and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,

Ms Ford
Head of Year 7