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Dear Year 7 parent, carer and student

Re: Year 7 CATs Tests (23 September to 2 October)

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	07R1	25-Sep	Fri	5	30-Sep	Wed	3	02-Oct	Fri	2
R2	07R2	24-Sep	Thu	3	30-Sep	Wed	2	02-Oct	Fri	5
R3	07R3	25-Sep	Fri	2	28-Sep	Mon	5	01-Oct	Thu	5
R4	07R4	23-Sep	Wed	2	24-Sep	Thu	2	30-Sep	Wed	4
T1	07T1	24-Sep	Thu	1	29-Sep	Tue	5	02-Oct	Fri	3
T2	07T2	25-Sep	Fri	4	28-Sep	Mon	3	01-Oct	Thu	4
T3	07T3	23-Sep	Wed	5	28-Sep	Mon	4	01-Oct	Thu	1
T4	07T4	23-Sep	Wed	3	24-Sep	Thu	4	29-Sep	Tue	1

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.

This term begins with students understanding who they are—loved by God and more valuable than treasure. It has been a huge encouragement to know that we are held in God's hand through whatever comes our way. Please support us in helping direct your child's focus to this important promise.

With kind regards

Mr Fewell
Head of Year 7