

Our Ref: CPN/LRS

29 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 7 students have settled very well into Aldworth learning expectations over the last 3 weeks, we are very proud of the way they are showing independence in their learning and building new friendships within our community.

In order to help us develop an awareness of how students think and process information we use a Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT), this is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn. The CAT test will run over 3 consecutive mornings during lessons 1 and 2 from Wednesday 7 October. The test is a timed assessment and is administered under formal conditions, students will remain in their tutor rooms to complete the tests and tutors will ensure they are set up and ready. Each section of the assessment includes introductory information which will be read to them and practice examples will familiarise the students with the style and format of the questions.

It is not an assessment where the children need to revise as they do not focus on content or attainment in core subjects, the CAT test is designed to give a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and whether additional support or challenge is needed. Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (non – verbal reasoning), words (verbal reasoning), numbers (quantitative reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (spatial ability). The results combined with our Key Stage 2 SATS predictions will support the teaching and learning for all students.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding the CAT assessment process please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Poulton

Mrs C Poulton
Assistant Headteacher