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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

As part of our commitment to understanding and supporting each student's learning journey, we will be administering the **Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)** to all Year 7 pupils on **Wednesday 11th November** during period 1, 2 and 3.

The CATs are a set of assessments designed to measure students' reasoning abilities in three key areas: **verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative reasoning**. These tests do not require any prior preparation and are not based on the school curriculum. Instead, they help us gain a clearer picture of each child's potential and preferred learning styles.

The results from the CATs are used to:

- Support teachers in planning lessons that match students' abilities.
- Identify strengths and areas where additional support may be beneficial.
- Inform setting decisions and target setting where appropriate.

Please reassure your child that these are not pass-or-fail tests. They are simply a tool to help us better understand how they learn and how we can best support them. Pupils should approach the tests calmly and confidently, knowing that their best effort is all that is required.

If you have any questions or concerns about the CATs, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Spicer (spicerr@hendonschool.co.uk) or Mr Hall (hallg@hendonschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Spicer

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