



September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Week commencing 24th September, 2018 your child will be sitting Cognitive Abilities Tests or CATs.

These tests will take place in the East Hall under Examination conditions at the times shown in the table below. The tests are approximately 1 hour each.

DATE	LESSON 1 – 8.40AM	LESSON 3 – 11.00AM	LESSON 5 – 13.50PM
Tuesday 25th September	TUTOR GROUPS R, T & F - PART 1	TUTOR GROUPS D, S & C - PART 1	TUTOR GROUPS H & A - PART 1
Wednesday 26th September	TUTOR GROUPS H & A - PART 2	TUTOR GROUPS R, T & F - PART 2	TUTOR GROUPS D, S & C - PART 2
Thursday 27th September	TUTOR GROUPS D, S & C - PART 3	TUTOR GROUPS H & A - PART 3	TUTOR GROUPS R, T & F - PART 3

Cats tests show the ability of a pupil to reason with and manipulate different types of material that play substantial roles in human thought, that is: - words, quantities and shapes.

These tests form part of our Assessment procedure and informs our planning as they allow us to analyse the particular learning strengths and areas for development of every child.

The tests, of which there are three, must be completed using a HB pencil. Can I urge you therefore to ensure that your child has at least two HB pencils as well as an eraser and a pencil sharpener.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Innes
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