



Monday 23rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: GL Assessments CAT4 Tests

We are delighted that our Year 7 students have settled so well and hope they have enjoyed their experience of being with us here at Sydenham so far. As you are aware the SATs tests were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, we have very little prior assessment data which we need in order to track student achievement and provide support where needed.

We will therefore be completing the GL Assessments CAT4 test which is the UK's most widely used test of reasoning abilities for children aged 6 – 17+ years. It is an assessment of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. CAT4 provides an objective perspective on potential student achievement and scores can help us identify which students will need more general support in certain subjects.

The CAT4 assessments will be taking place in tutor rooms on Friday 27th November 2020. We have reassured students that they do not need to revise for these assessments, and should not be concerned about their outcomes. We will use these assessments to inform our teaching and intervention.

For further information regarding these assessments please visit the GL Assessments website: <https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

Yours Faithfully,

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