



THE BURGESS HILL ACADEMY

Our ref: ASE/MKR/ CATs

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a great start for year 7 at The Burgess Hill Academy, particularly given their first experience of secondary school was having to undergo Covid testing.

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, students in year 7 will be sitting Cognitive Ability Tests (referred to as CATs), the results of which help us to provide more personalised and appropriate lessons to meet students' needs. No revision or preparation is necessary, as these are aptitude tests based around language, numbers, shape and space. These are important to us even more so this year, due to the lack of data gathered at primary school as the KS2 SATs tests were cancelled.

In order to minimise the impact on lessons and for logistical reasons, these tests will be conducted in the Sports Hall. Students will have their own allocated desk and will be sat in tutor group alphabetical order. Band W will sit their tests on Tuesday; band X on Wednesday; band Y will sit theirs on Thursday. Students will need to be equipped with two pencils and a rubber for these tests, but will need their regular equipment too as they will return to period 4 and have period 5 lessons. Below is the timetable for the tests.

I realise that this might sound daunting to a year 7 student so early in their time at The Burgess Hill Academy, but we will have teachers and support staff available during the tests to help support and reassure students. The results of these tests really do help us as a school support the students and so it is vital that students attend these days. If you do have concerns about your child with regard to these tests then please do not hesitate to email Mrs Blacklay, Exams Officer, j.blacklay@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk as she is co-ordinating the logistics and can best help get issues resolved.

On another note, the students will be having their individual photographs taken on Friday 17th September as detailed on the timetable below.

May I take this opportunity to say that all the staff at The Burgess Hill Academy are looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Snape.
Acting Principal.

WEEK B	P 1 & 2 START TIME 8:50am		P 3 &4 START TIME 11.15 am		P 5 START TIME 2:00pm
Monday 13th Sept	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
Tuesday 14th Sept <u>7W</u>	CATs Testing		CATs Testing Return to lessons period 4		Normal Lessons
Wednesday 15th Sept <u>7X</u>	CATs Testing	B R E A K	CATs Testing Return to lessons perid 4	L U N C H	Normal Lessons
Thursday 16th Sept <u>7Y</u>	CATs Testing		CATs Testing Return to lessons period 4		Normal Lessons
Friday 17th Sept	Individual photos		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons