

Our ref: PSG/CATs

10th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a great start for year 7 at The Burgess Hill Academy.

Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday 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 as they help to support the information we have received from primary schools and the KS2 results.

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. Bands W and X will sit their tests on Tuesday and Bands Y and Z will sit theirs on Wednesday. You can identify which day your son/daughter is sitting the test by looking at their timetables for English or Maths class an X (e.g. 7XE/7X2B) will mean Tuesday and Y (e.g. 7YN/7Y1) will be Wednesday. 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. On the reverse of this letter is the timetable for the tests.

I realise that this might sound daunting to a year 7 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. No extra time or assistance will be given to students in these tests, as we want the results to be a true reflection of their abilities and enable us to personalise lesson's to students' needs. If you do have concerns about your child with regard to these tests then please do not hesitate to email me p.snelling@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk.

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



Mr P Snelling

Assistant Principal

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WEEK A	P 1 & 2 START TIME 8:50am		P 3 &4 START TIME 11:15 am		P 5 START TIME 2:00pm
Monday 16th Sept	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
Tuesday 17th Sept 7W and 7X	CATs Testing		CATs Testing Students return to P4 lessons		Normal Lessons
Wednesday 18th Sept 7Y and 7Z	CATs Testing	B R E A K	CATs Testing Students return to P4 lessons	L U N C H	Normal Lessons
Thursday 19th Sept	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
Friday 20th Sept	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons

Students to the Sports Hall AFTER tutor time:
7w and 7X- Tuesday 7Y and 7Z- Wednesday

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