

13 September 2022

Dear parents and carers

To understand the abilities of our Year 7 cohort and to inform future practice to support their progression, all students in the year group are going to complete an online baseline test, CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Testing) provided by GL assessment.

CAT4 is the UK's most widely used test of reasoning abilities for children, assessing developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. CAT4 also provides indicators (targets) for national tests and examinations.

CAT4 consists of three 30 – 40 minutes testing sections. Your young person will complete the tests in school either this Wednesday or next Wednesday (see below). The tests are taken online and **there is no revision or preparation needed**. This [link](#) provides access to the online instructions for the tests, that students will be provided with along with their personal access codes when they sit the CATs.

- **Wednesday 14 September we will be running the tests for Hawking, Nightingale, Turing & Seacole.**
- **Wednesday 21 September we will be running the tests for Austen, Barrow, Chaplin & Darwin.**

If you have any questions about CATs tests please contact me at the school; srl@carringtonschool.org

Best wishes

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