

30 September 2021

Dear Year 7 parents and carers

### We're Doing Baseline Tests With Year 7 Students

To understand the abilities of our year 7 cohort and to inform future practice to support their progression, your child is going to complete an online baseline test. In previous years we have used Key Stage 2 assessments to provide this information, this year we are going to use 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.

There are 3 testing sections, with each one being 30 – 40 minutes long. Your child will complete the tests in school and the schedule for this is below. The tests are taken online and there is no revision or preparation needed for the tests. This [link](#) provides access to the online instructions for the tests, but each student will also be provided with a copy of these instructions with their personal access codes when they sit the CATs.

### CATs Schedule 2021

Date	Tutor group	Periods	Room
Monday 4 October	7 Austen	1 - 3	A106
Monday 4 October	7 Barrow	4 - 6	A103
Monday 4 October	7 Darwin	4 - 6	2-11 and 2-22
Friday 8 October	7 Hawking	4 - 6	A106
Friday 8 October	7 Nightingale	4 - 6	A103
Monday 11 October	7 Seacole	1 - 3	A106
Monday 11 October	7 Turing	4 - 6	A106

If you have any questions please contact me at the school; [srl@carringtonschool.org](mailto:srl@carringtonschool.org)

Yours faithfully  
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