

CAT tests 16 - 27 September

Dear Year 7 parent, carer and student

Over the next few weeks all Year 7 students will be completing some on-line tests which we will be using to help us establish where you currently are in your learning and what we most need to focus on to help you continue to improve. There are three of these 'CAT Tests' which ask you questions in three different areas:

Verbal (i.e. understanding and using words)

Quantitative (i.e. numbers)

Non-verbal (i.e. general thinking skills – puzzles, shapes and patterns)

The three tests will happen in three separate lessons predominantly during your Computing lesson and will take place in rooms B5 or B6. You don't need to worry about them in advance. They are not tests that you should try and prepare for. You can't pass or fail them. You won't be given a grade, and neither will your parents. They simply provide information to your teachers about where your strengths are and where you will need the most help and support.

You might find some questions easier; you will probably find some questions quite hard. Don't worry about this, just attempt what you can and guess or leave what you can't do and then forget all about it. The questions will be on the computer screen and are multiple-choice. You will answer them by selecting answer A, B, C or D on the computer. The only equipment that you need to have is a pen or pencil in case you want to do any rough working before answering a question.

If you are absent on any of these days, then we will arrange another opportunity the following week after you have returned to school. The lessons affected are as follows, you should go straight to B5/B6 at these times, your teacher will tell you which classroom you need to go to:

	Tutor Group	CATs Session 1			CATs Session 2			CATs Session 3		
		Date	Period		Date	Period		Date	Period	
R1	7MJST	19/09/2024	Thu	5	25/09/2024	Wed	3	27/09/2024	Fri	2
R2	7MPSM	19/09/2024	Thu	2	24/09/2024	Tue	3	27/09/2024	Fri	3
R3	7MLFR	20/09/2024	Fri	5	23/09/2024	Mon	4	27/09/2024	Fri	4
R4	7MABL	16/09/2024	Mon	2	18/09/2024	Wed	1	25/09/2024	Wed	4
T1	7MRWI	20/09/2024	Fri	4	23/09/2024	Mon	5	24/09/2024	Tue	4
T2	7MRMU	16/09/2024	Mon	5	18/09/2024	Wed	3	25/09/2024	Wed	2
T3	7MADY	17/09/2024	Tue	2	19/09/2024	Thu	3	24/09/2024	Tue	2
T4	7MAHO	17/09/2024	Tue	1	18/09/2024	Wed	4	27/09/2024	Fri	1

On another note, I just wanted to say that Year 7 have started their time at SMRT incredibly positively and we are really proud of their efforts last week, in particular their conduct in their first service at St Mary Redcliffe Church and their first assembly in the school gym were exemplary. Thank you for all your support at home.

There have been some very minor uniform issues that have been addressed by the pastoral team, so in light of this, please could parents / carers make sure that students are in black / dark coloured

socks in-line with the school's uniform policy. God bless you all and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Mr Mattson
Head of Year 7