



Dear Parent or Carer,

In Heron Hall Academy, we wish to assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in Year 7.

CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

CAT4 has many uses and can help your child and his/her teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for different Key Stages and for GCSE and A-level. Your child will sit the CAT4 assessment in the week beginning Monday 7 October 2024. They will sit the test in a computer room during their normal school day.

After the assessment is finished, we will be in touch again with results and our plans, if any, for further follow-up.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Heron Hall Academy

Mr Arthur Barzey
Headteacher