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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: GL Assessments – English, Mathematics and Science progress tests and CAT4

As part of our assessment programme, after May half term, year 7, 8 and 9 students will sit a series of short progress tests in English, Mathematics and Science along with CAT4 testing. Each test is standardised against national benchmarks using the GL Assessment platform. The purpose of the tests is to provide each year team with information to support students' progress in preparation for the new academic year 2023/24, which includes:

- Future curriculum planning and sequencing
- Adjustments to teaching, learning and assessments
- KS4 target setting
- To help identify any additional support individual students may need

The Progress Test in Science measures students' knowledge and understanding of science, as well as their application of this knowledge and understanding. Their ability to work scientifically is also assessed. The Progress Test in English measures students' knowledge, understanding and application of technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts. The Progress Test in Maths measures students' mathematical skills and knowledge in areas such as number, shape, data handling and algebra, as well as their mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) assesses a student's ability to think across four different reasoning batteries:

Verbal reasoning – thinking with words

Quantitative reasoning – thinking with number

Non-Verbal reasoning – thinking with shapes

Spatial reasoning – thinking with shapes and space

Importantly, CAT4 also provides indicators for national tests and examinations, which will be particularly useful in measuring and monitoring student achievement during their time at Broughton Hall.

You can watch this short video explaining the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) batteries:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0DDUKuQtKc> (GL Assessment: Explaining the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) batteries I Tutorial)



The schedule for each of the tests is as follows:

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YEAR 7-9 Examinations	Period 1	Period 2	Break 11.00am- 11.20am	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
Monday 5th June					Year 9 Progress Test 1 MATHS		Year 7 Progress Test 1 ENGLISH
Thursday 8th June	Year 8 Progress Test 1 MATHS			Year 7 Progress Test 2 MATHS			Year 9 Progress Test 2 ENGLISH
Monday 12th June					Year 9 Progress Test 3 SCIENCE		Year 8 Progress Test 2 ENGLISH
Wednesday 14th June					Year 8 Progress Test 3 SCIENCE		Year 7 Progress Test 3 SCIENCE
Thursday 15th June	CAT 4 YR7 1	CAT 4 YR7 2		CAT 4 YR7 3			
Friday 16th June							
Monday 19th June	CAT 4 YR8 1	CAT 4 YR8 2		CAT 4 YR8 3			
Tuesday 20th June	CAT 4 YR9 1	CAT 4 YR9 2		CAT 4 YR9 3			

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of ability and not attainment, so no pre-learning or preparation is necessary. Students should not feel worried about taking the Progress Tests or CAT4 as prior knowledge is not required to complete it. The results will be used together with our internal assessment practices, to inform teachers about the strengths and development areas of each student.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about the contents of this letter.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Bennett
Assistant Head Teacher: Curriculum and Assessment