

To: Parents/Carers of All Year 7 Students

Our Ref: 87786821

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 7 Internal Testing

On the week of Monday 16 September all Year 7 students will be completing their CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests) as well as a phonics screening assessment. CATs tell us about students' verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial abilities, which will allow us to further support their learning and achievement throughout their time at South Hunsley School. The phonics screening is part of a national pilot programme being coordinated by Wandle Learning Trust which will then provide training for our teachers and support with reading for identified students.

The CATs comprise of four components, all of which are completed on a computer. Students will be allocated two morning or afternoon sessions during the testing, and one further short session during one of their IT lessons. Each student will receive confirmation of their CAT sessions and times as well as full details of where and how they will complete each test later this week. Colleagues will be available throughout the sessions to support and assist students.

I would like to reassure you that students do not need to do anything in preparation for these assessments. The tests are not assessed on a pass or fail basis, and do not require students to have any subject-specific knowledge.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school.

Yours Faithfully,



Mr B Gray
Deputy Headteacher