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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

On the 16th and 17th of September all Year 9 students will be taking Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). Students will be told which day and time w/b 6th September.

Students do not need to revise for these tests as they are based upon reasoning ability and are designed to identify each student's strengths and areas for support. For instance, students that score well in the verbal section are more comfortable in subjects such as English and History.

The tests are divided into four sections with each section taking approximately 30 minutes. All of the sections follow the same format. Either a series of words, numbers or shapes are shown and the student is asked to complete the sequence.

For example:

From the following, work out the rule or rules used to arrange the numbers.

21 20 19 18 ?

Which of the follow completes the series A17 B15 C13 D12 E11

Here is a sequence of shaded shapes that are shown and the student is asked to find the next shape that follows the same rules – in this case it is the shaded shape B.



Once the tests are complete they are sent for marking and upon their return the Academy uses the scores to ensure that students are in the correct sets and as one of the pieces of evidence to determine which students may qualify for examination concessions. Therefore, we do not communicate the outcomes of the CATs to students and parents, but use them to support teaching and learning.

If you have any questions regarding the CATs please do not hesitate to contact Ms Colledge, Exams Officer pcolledge@hajc.leics.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Azizah Pathan

Vice Principal