

29 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start at the Academy and we have been really impressed with the speed at which they have settled into the new routines and expectations.

As you are aware students in Year 7 were unable to take their SAT's in Year 6 due to the partial closure of schools. The SAT's data supports schools with target setting and intervention to enable students to make the greatest progress they can.

To enable the Academy to support students with targeted interventions students may need, we will be conducting Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs). These tests are due to take place between Monday 12 October and Friday 23 October 2020.

The tests consist of 3 exams lasting 45 minutes and will be conducted online and during lesson time. Students do not need to prepare for these tests in any way and should not worry about these tests. As the tests are conducted online and require the use of headphones, **we are requesting that if your child has their own headphones that they bring them in for these exams.** When not being used for the tests your child will need to keep the headphones in their bags. If students bring in headphones this will reduce the need of sharing these resources. Please be aware that wireless headphones will not be supported with the computers being used for the tests. Should your child not have headphones, we will be able to provide them and will sanitize these between use.

All students will remain in their bubbles and any student that is unable to complete any of the test due to illness will be offered a slot upon their return to the Academy.

If you have any queries relating to these tests then please email [teresa.luker@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:teresa.luker@thebourneacademy.com)

Yours sincerely,

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