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Dear Parent/Guardian

At St. Ninian's High School we believe in providing each and every student with the opportunity to realise their full potential and achieve at the highest level. To gain a better understanding of the learning needs of our students, we are going to be administering three short cognitive ability assessments with all students in year 7.

The assessments will take place in your child's timetabled computing lessons; including both of the lessons over the week beginning 2nd October and one lesson of the week from the 9th October. The assessments will be completed on computer, with each session taking approximately 45 minutes. Students will be required to use headphones for the assessment and are welcome to bring in their own pair, however they must have a jack plug, Bluetooth sets will not be permitted. Headphones will be provided for those that would like to borrow a pair.

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

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of ability and not attainment, so no pre-learning or preparation is necessary. Your child should not feel worried about taking 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.

Once the assessment has been carried out a summary will be reported home, along with support on how to interpret the information and what it means for your child.

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Neill
Assistant Head Teacher

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