



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

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Our Ref: AGN/EG/YII

3rd October 2025

Dear Student

Re: CAT4 Assessment

At St. Ninian's High School, we are committed to supporting every student as they approach the final stages of their Key Stage 4 journey. We are pleased to inform you that all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to take part in a Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4). This assessment will provide valuable insights into your learning profile, enabling subject and pastoral teams to offer more targeted support as you complete your courses.

What is CAT4?

CAT4 is not a test of knowledge or curriculum content. Instead, it assesses four key areas of reasoning: **verbal, quantitative, non-verbal and spatial**. No preparation or revision is required; you simply need to approach the tasks calmly and do your best. A video detailing what the CAT4 assessment entails and an introduction to the company who provides the assessment, GL Education, is available [here](#).

When will the Assessment take place?

The CAT4 assessment will take place during periods 3 and 4 on **Thursday 9th October 2025** and will be completed on computers. Students will need headphones with a standard jack plug (Bluetooth headphones cannot be used); there will be headphones available to borrow if required.

Year 11 will receive a briefing assembly on Tuesday 7th October 2025 to cover the key aspects of the assessment and how it will run, after which students will have time to ask any questions that they may still have.

The assessment will be sat in Tutor Groups, as outlined below. Please ensure you arrive promptly to the assessment session so that you are calm and focused.

| Tutor Group | Room |
|-------------|---------|
| IIB | S01 |
| IIC | S03 |
| IID | S04 |
| IIE | DT1 |
| IIF | DT3 |
| IIG | BE1 |
| IIH | I7 |
| III | 7 + 8 |
| IIJ | DT5 + 6 |

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How will the information be used?

The information gathered from this assessment will complement your report data, mock examination results, and teacher feedback, allowing staff to tailor support as you progress through the final months of your Key Stage 4 studies.

What happens next?

Your CAT4 assessment will provide a minimum expected grade for the majority of your subjects. These grades will be included in your first interim report of the academic year, due in December. Alongside your teacher forecast grade and mock results, these minimum expected grades will offer a clear indication of where you should consider focusing your efforts during the remainder of your Key Stage 4 courses.

If you have any questions about the assessment or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Key Stage 4 Pastoral Team.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Neill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs A Neill
Assistant Head Teacher

cc Parent/Guardian