

20/09/2021

**RE: Year 7 CAT Tests**

Dear Parents/Carers

At Oak Academy, to support teachers in understanding how students learn, we routinely administer Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT's) to all students in Year 7. CAT's are made up of a series of short computer based tests, which assess a student's reasoning abilities in key areas, in order to support educational development and academic attainment.

No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious, as no pre-learning of knowledge is needed to complete the tests. CAT's have many uses and can help your child and his/her teachers to plan appropriately. We will also use these assessments to set Target Pathways for Year 7.

The specific times and details of your child's tests are detailed below. Could we ask that you support us by ensuring your child is aware of this on the day they are due to complete theirs. Tutors will also share this with students.

Group	Date	Time	Room
7MPR	23/09/21	Lesson 1 and 2	IT1
7SHI	23/09/21	Lesson 1 and 2	IT2
7USP	23/09/21	Lesson 3 and 4	IT1
7GBE	23/09/21	Lesson 3 and 4	IT2

Your child will need to wear headphones while they are taking the tests. This will allow them to hear all the instructions clearly and concentrate fully on the assessments. If your child has any at home, please can they bring them in on their given day. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me by email at the address below.

Yours sincerely



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