

# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God



5 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## **RE: Cognitive Abilities Test, CAT4, Spelling and Reading Tests - Year 7 - September 2022**

We wish to assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in Year 7 as well as the New Group Spelling (NGST) and New Group Reading, (NGRT) Tests.

CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning, thinking, abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

CAT4 has many uses and can help your daughter and her teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for GCSE, we do not set Key Stage 3 targets as we are working towards GCSE at secondary school.

The same can be said about the NGST and NGRT. These allow us to understand the stage your daughter is at for reading and spelling; again no preparation is needed.

After the assessment has been completed, we will be in touch again with your daughter's Targets, these are the likely grade she is expected to get at GCSE, all things being equal. This should be towards the end of October 2022.

Please see the test timetables below for the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September. Your daughter will take the tests along with her Form Group and will not have her normal timetabled lessons when she takes the CATS, Reading and Spelling Tests and does not need to bring her lesson resources for these lessons.

	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep
Room L2	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1	7S CATS	7C CATS	7K CATS	7T CATS	7J CATS
2					
3					
4					
5					

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	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep
Room L2	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
1			7B CATS		
2	7T Reading & Spelling	7S Reading & Spelling			
3					
4					
5	7B Reading & Spelling		7K Reading & Spelling	7C Reading & Spelling	7J Reading & Spelling

We will provide your daughter with a pair of earphones or headphones on the test day; these will have been sanitised to prevent any cross-contamination. These are compatible with the Jack Socket of a pc and cannot be the type that work on the newer phone models or Bluetooth, please see the picture below.

Correct earphone/headphone pc attachment ✓	Correct headphone pc USB attachment <u>(not USB C)</u> ✓	<b>Incorrect</b> earphone/headphone pc attachment (Newer iPhone type) ✗
		

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Ms Lawrence, your daughter's Achievement Leader.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Sanders  
**Associate Headteacher**