



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

4th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 CAT tests

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Year 9 on the manner in which they conducted themselves in the recent English and Maths exams which were taken under formal examination conditions; we were truly impressed by the way they handled this new, and potentially daunting experience.

Between 10th and 16th July, Year 9 students will sit CAT tests in school. Designed by the company GL Assessment and widely used in schools, Cognitive Assessment Tests aim to assess the students' understanding, memory, reasoning and decision making.

The tests will be taken in the students' scheduled Science lessons and will be administered by their usual teacher. They will take the majority of the lesson and the assessment is carried out on the computer.

The students are not able to revise for the tests and the results will be used to aid our understanding of the students, adding to what we already know about them as learners. For this year group, in particular, as we do not have the usual KS2 data, they help us to build a picture of the student and their relative strengths.

If you have any questions about the tests, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully

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