



# Lady Lumley's School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## CAT4 Testing

Please be advised that your child will be taking the CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test) from the Thursday 7th September. CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning abilities in key areas that support education development and academic attainment.

We will use the CAT4 data to identify how students learn and gain a better understanding of their academic ability alongside their KS2 data. This information will also give us a greater insight into the strengths and development areas of each student.

CAT4 assesses a student's ability to think across four different reasoning skills:

- Verbal reasoning – thinking with words
- Quantitative reasoning – thinking with numbers
- Non-Verbal reasoning – thinking with shapes
- Spatial reasoning – thinking with shapes and space

We have timetabled students to complete the CAT4 over three different assessment sittings, each part to take place in a separate lesson over the next fortnight. Each assessment will take 45 minutes. The assessments are all completed in timed conditions.

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of potential and not attainment. Your child should not feel worried about taking CAT4 as prior knowledge is not required to complete it. Please reassure your child that the CAT4 assessment is not a test for which they can revise and that the results will simply help their teachers to know them better.

Headphones are required as students will need to listen to the guidance and practice questions. Please ask your child to bring in their own headphones this week, which can be plugged directly into the computer.

Kind Regards

Sarah Thompson

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