

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

CAT 4 Assessments

Please find enclosed your son/daughter's CAT 4 assessment report. The students have completed this assessment online and were given Level D as this assessment is for year 7 students.

By way of a reminder, The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

While many other tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed. At SET Saxmundham it will enable us to firstly set accurate individualised targets and secondly it will enable us to target support towards every child to help them reach their full potential. The data collected will be used with other information (such as primary feedback, literacy tests), to support teaching and learning for all children and to ensure that we are getting the levels of support and challenge correct.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability). CAT4 is based on years of research and development. The current edition took five years to develop and the involvement of 25,000 students across the UK. It is a well-known assessment in schools; teachers value its ability to provide an understanding of what a child is capable of rather than defining them by their understanding of a body of knowledge in particular subjects.

Senior Leaders have looked at each student's profile and this has now been shared with all colleagues. Please could you share the assessment with child.

Best regards

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