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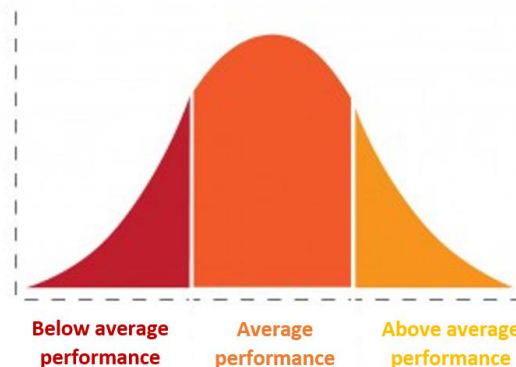
Dear Parent/Carer

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be asking Year 7 pupils to complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (Edition 4) (CAT4). This is a suite of tests developed to support schools in understanding students' abilities and identifying pupils that require further support. CAT4 assesses the main types of mental processing that play a substantial role in human thought:

- reasoning with words
- reasoning with numbers
- reasoning with shapes and designs
- thinking with and mentally manipulating precise shapes

Your child does not need to prepare for this test and we aim to get the best out of pupils by keeping these sessions as relaxed as possible. Many pupils find the activities fun due to the pattern finding nature of the tests.

The CATs give a standardised score which have a normal distribution as below:



Pupils with an average standardised score have a score between 85 and 115. Pupils with a below average score will have a score below 85 and pupils with an above average score will have a score above 115.

CAT scores are not routinely reported to parents, however, where pupils have a score below 85, further investigations may be done to identify specific intervention that may help pupils to access the curriculum more easily. In this case, a member of the Inclusion Department will contact you to discuss the next steps. Pupils with an above average performance will be offered additional opportunities by the More Able Pupil Co-ordinator.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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