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**Letter 12**

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 7 Cognitive Ability Testing**

I am writing to inform you that all Year 7 students will be participating in Cognitive Ability Testing on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

For Ashridge, Chalfont, Flaunden and Gaddesden, the tests will take place in the Hall during periods 1 and 2. As these students arrive on site, they must go straight to line up in their forms outside the hall foyer.

For Latimer, Nettleden and Pendley the tests will take place in the hall during periods 3 and 4. Students will need to bring their books, and other classroom materials for the other lessons they will have that day.

Students who participate in Music lessons should attend them as normal but will be required to attend a catch up testing session at a later date which we will organise with your child. Form tutors will be discussing these tests in greater detail with the students so they understand exactly what they need to do and where to go. We will also be arranging a smaller venue for students who we feel will benefit from that.

The students will participate in tests that will examine verbal (use of words), non-verbal (use of shape and patterns), spatial ability and quantitative (use of numbers) reasoning. These tests are used to help us support the students' learning and provide a basis for the creation of statistical forecasts and targets.

The students do not need to prepare for these tests at all, but attendance on the day is essential. If your child is self-isolating, of course we will arrange another time for this to happen. The tests are designed to be taken without any revision or preparation so they can assess your child's potential in his or her ability to reason. Students will not need any specific equipment as the test will be completed online.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss McDermott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Miss McDermott**  
Head of Year 7