



Wednesday 27th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: CATs Testing

This half term, your child will sit a series of short CATs (Cognitive Abilities Tests) which are used by Hackney secondary schools to band the year 7 cohort into groups. These tests assess how well children can independently think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. The reasoning questions are: non-verbal (shapes and patterns), verbal (words) and quantitative (numbers). There are also questions that test children's spatial ability.

The CATs test will be completed by the pupils on a Chromebook and the tests will commence on the week beginning Monday 2nd October. You can find out more about how banding and cognitive ability tests are used for secondary applications on the Hackney Education website [here](#).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Omisore'.

Jonathan Omisore
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