



# CHRIST THE KING

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I wanted to write to all parents of our new Year 7 pupils to let you know that I am delighted with how well they have all adapted to the many changes they've had to cope with in a short space of time! They are now settled into their new routines and should feel part of their new community here at Christ the King Catholic High School after their first half term with us.

To ensure we can provide for your child's individual learning needs, and to identify your child's strengths and learning preferences at an early stage, all Year 7 pupils will undertake a range of short assessments to assess their general ability and potential. We conduct these assessments with all new Year 7 pupils but in previous years they have taken place much earlier. We wanted to delay the assessments this academic year to allow our pupils to settle into CTK during the first half term.

The tests are known as Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) and they assess a child's verbal reasoning, their ability to manipulate number and symbols and their non-verbal reasoning. There will also be a short spelling test at the end of the CATs. As a school we can gain a fuller picture of your child's abilities and needs with the results from these short assessments alongside the Key Stage 2 estimated levels we received from primary school.

The assessments will be taking place over the two days on our return from half term:

Tuesday 3 November 2020 - all day for class 7A/En1 in Room M2  
Tuesday 3 November 2020 - all day for class 7A/En2 in Room M3  
Wednesday 4 November 2020 - all day for class 7B/En1 in Room IT5  
Wednesday 4 November 2020 - all day for class 7B/En2 in Room M1  
Wednesday 4 November 2020 - all day for class 7B/En3 in Room S3

To identify which class your child is in, you must look on their timetable for their English lesson. Next to the 'En' it clearly states their class code. This will help you and your child to find out which day/date/room their assessment will take place.

I would be grateful if you could reassure your child there is no need to be anxious about these assessments. There is absolutely nothing to worry about. They will be in a classroom they are familiar with, in the company of their English classmates, and a member of CTK staff will conduct the assessment. Your child cannot do any preparation or revision as they are baseline tests. Your child must ensure they come to school with their normal equipment (particularly a pencil and an eraser) and cooperate with our staff by following all instructions during the assessments. If they are absent for their session, they will do their CATs at a later date on their return.

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**LEARN**

**SERVE**

**PRAY**



If your child is usually timetabled for PE on the day they will be involved in their assessment, they must NOT attend school in kit; they must wear their full school uniform instead.

As these assessments are designed to measure your child's baseline abilities, there is no requirement for any special arrangements to be put into place to enable them to complete these assessments. If your child has physical, emotional or concentration issues which may affect their ability to undertake these assessments, this will be managed in a sensitive and appropriate manner.

Yours faithfully

*Miss K Summers*

Year 6 Transition and Year 7 Student Progress Manager