

10 September 2019

JH/DF

Dear Parent/Carer

During your son's time at Carre's Grammar School, we endeavour to measure his academic progress, set targets and produce programmes of learning to suit his needs. In order to do this, we have to work from common baselines. Your son's 11+ score provides us with one baseline, his SATs results another. In order to have a different and more up to date view of his abilities, we carry out Cognitive Abilities Testing (CATs) in Year 7.

This testing procedure comprises of three tests assessing four elements:

- reasoning with words (verbal)
- reasoning with numbers (quantitative)
- reasoning with shapes and designs (non-verbal)
- thinking with and mentally manipulating precise shapes (spatial)

The results provide us with a 'picture' of your son's position now and projections to enable us to set realistic targets for him.

This year the CATs will take place on Friday 20 September 2019. A timetable for the day is included with this letter.

When the results of the testing are available, a copy of your son's results will be sent to you.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Holland', followed by a period.

Jamie Holland
Deputy Headteacher

Cognitive Abilities Testing – Year 7

Friday 20 September 2019

8.50 am	Register in form rooms
Period 1	Test 1
Period 2	Normal Timetable
Break	As Normal
Period 3	Report back to Main Hall Test 2
Lunch	As Normal
Period 4	Report back to Main Hall Test 3
Period 5	Normal Timetable