

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John

9th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wrote to you at the end of the summer term to inform you of two additional assessments your child will be undertaking next week, Monday 13th September 2021 – Wednesday 15th September 2021 during lesson time. A timetable is attached at the end of this letter for your reference.

The assessments are called the GL Assessments CAT4 test, also known as CATs and the LUCID test. Every year over 25,000 students in the UK and overseas participate in this assessment. GL process this assessment data and create reports for individual students, their parents and their teachers. The CAT4 Assessment was designed to identify the cognitive ability of students based on age appropriate expectations. Cognitive ability is a student's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial ability tasks.

CAT4 results help us understand the potential for academic attainment. CAT4 scores provide 9-1 GCSE indicators which are derived from an analysis of CAT4 scores and GCSE examination results at age 16 from a nationally representative sample of around 91,000 students each year. As cognitive ability is not particularly curriculum related, the results will not be significantly influenced by a student's previous schooling or their subject knowledge. Students therefore do not need to revise or prepare for these assessments. Results will be shared with parents and help teachers to plan lessons, identify learning needs and adapt curriculum areas.

The tests are completed on a computer and students will need to use headphones and are able to select their native language. We would ask that students bring their own headphones (those that come free with a mobile phone for example) and a reading book in case they finish the assessment before their peers.

If your child is on the SEND register and would benefit from completing the assessments in a smaller group setting, please email our SENDCo Mrs Jones (KJones@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

More information on CAT4 assessments can be found on <http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>.

The LUCID test is a dyslexia screening test and more information can be found on <https://www.gl-education.com/assessments/products/lucid-lass-11-15/>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on DKohls@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Ms D Kohls (Deputy Headteacher)

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CAT4 and LUCID test timetable September 2021:

Students will be registered in their normal lesson and escorted to the allocated testing room, shown in the table below.

Monday 13th September

	7w1	7w2	7x1	7x2	7y1	7y2	7y3
P1			C1	LRC			
P2			C1	LRC			
P3	LRC	C1					
P4	LRC	C1					
P5					C1	LRC	

Tuesday 14th September

	7w1	7w2	7x1	7x2	7y1	7y2	7y3
P1			C1	LRC			
P2			C1	LRC			
P3	LRC	C1					
P4	LRC	C1					
P5						LRC	C1

Wednesday 15th September

	7w1	7w2	7x1	7x2	7y1	7y2	7y3
P1						LRC	
P2						LRC	
P3					LRC		C1
P4					LRC		C1
P5					LRC		C1

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