

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

CAT4 and Lucid Tests

Welcome to Stanborough. When your child joins in September they be undertaking two assessments.

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.

For the CAT4 Assessments, students will complete three tests, each 40 minutes in length. For the LUCID tests, students will complete 5 short tests, taking a total of one hour. All tests are completed on a computer and students will need to use headphones. 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 the allocated test time.

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,

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