

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Stanborough School. When your child joins in September, they will be undertaking two assessments, the GL Assessment New Group Reading Test (NGRT) and GL Assessment CAT4 test, also known as CATs.

Every year over 25,000 students in the UK and overseas participate in these assessments. GL process the 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 done on a computer, and **students need to bring corded headphones with a 3.5mm jack**. We also ask that students bring a book to read in case they finish early.

The CAT4 and NGRT assessments will be supervised by members of the SEND department and the students' class teacher.

If your child is on the SEND register and you would like to discuss these assessments in more detail, please email our SENDCo Mrs Beverstock. (kbeverstock@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

More information on CAT4 assessments can be found on:

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/cat4/>

More information NGRT assessments can be found on:

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/new-group-reading-test/>

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

Yours faithfully,

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