



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

*We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities,
skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
confidence and ambition.*

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Dear parent/carer

RE: Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

I want to start by thanking you for your support in ensuring an excellent start for our Year 7 pupils in what we all hope will be an uninterrupted year of learning.

You will be aware that, due to the global pandemic, pupils who were in Year 6 last academic year did not complete their SATs exams as they normally would at the end of Key Stage 2. The results of those tests would normally help us to set target grades for your child and ensure that they are in the correct sets for each of their subjects.

Every year, year 7 pupils will sit a set of Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) used by schools to assess pupils' overall intelligence, developed abilities and likely academic potential. The results of these tests are used each year alongside SATs as part of the target setting and grouping process.

This year we will just use the CATs tests to determine target grades and sets, as we do not have access to the usual SATs results from primary schools. In order to get pupils into the right groups as early in the year as possible, pupils will sit their CATs tests over the course of next week. **There is nothing at all your child needs to do to prepare for these tests.**

I will be inviting you to join me later this term, in advance of your child's first progress report, to explain how targets are set and how you can support your child to make the very most out of their learning during their time here at Nottingham Girls Academy. I will send details of this event out to you in due course.

Once again, thank you for enabling our pupils to have such an excellent start to their secondary school career and a very warm welcome to the NGA community.

Kind regards

J Mora

Mrs J Mora
Deputy Principal

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- We strive to fulfil everyone's learning potential. • We value high standards, hard work and a ceaseless desire to improve.
 - We provide a safe, kind, nurturing and inclusive environment. • We enjoy the journey together.

