



St Peter's Collegiate Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 Testing

I am writing to introduce myself as the Key Stage 3 Inclusion and Achievement Lead. My role is designed to ensure every student is supported, challenged, and equipped with the tools they need to achieve their full potential throughout their time at the academy.

To help us get to know our new Year 7 cohort as effectively as possible, we have scheduled a full day of baseline assessments for all Year 7 students.

To ensure a smooth experience for the students, the testing will take place over two days, split by form group:

- **Monday 21 September:** Students in 7ABL, 7BMC, 7BED, and 7CNS
- **Tuesday 22 September:** Students in 7KMC, 7PSM, 7MST, and 7RPA

The main purpose of this testing is to establish a clear academic baseline for each student. This allows us to tailor our classroom teaching, provide targeted support where required, and inform our review of set arrangements later this term.

During their dedicated testing day, students will complete three key assessments:

- **CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test):** Assesses verbal, non-verbal, quantitative, and spatial reasoning skills to help us understand how each student learns best and their academic potential.
- **PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School):** A short survey measuring students' attitudes towards school, self-regard, and confidence, helping us provide the right pastoral care and guidance.
- **Language Link:** A screening tool used to assess understanding of spoken language in the classroom so we can ensure instructions and learning materials are fully accessible to every child.

In addition to this, students will also complete the **NGRT (New Group Reading Test)** and **NGMT (New Group Maths Test)** early in October to provide precise measurements of their current reading comprehension and mathematical skills.

To ensure students feel fully supported, I will be speaking to all Year 7 students during Form Time to explain the process and put their minds at ease. However, your support at home is equally valuable. We ask that you also reassure your child that these tests require no



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revision or preparation; they are strictly used to help us help them succeed.

On their designated testing day, all students must bring a reading book to school, as there will be quiet periods between assessment modules.

We view these tests as a key stepping stone in helping us nurture your child's talents, close any learning gaps early, and build a strong foundation for their secondary education.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming testing days, please feel free to contact me directly at bbeeston@stpetersacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs B Beeston
Key Stage 3 Inclusion and Achievement Lead