



4 February 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Cognitive Abilities Test**

In October, I sent you a letter indicating that we would be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in year 8. This process is now complete, and I am pleased to share with you a report generated for your child. The report has been handed out today during your child's tutor period.

This report is self-explanatory and should be read alongside the progress report you will receive via the Parent App on Monday 7 February. The CAT4 report explains what CAT4 is and why schools use them. It then gives you some helpful insight into the type of questions that your child answered during the tests. It is followed by a summary of your child's profile and some characteristics or traits you may already recognise in their learning style.

In addition, CAT4 scores give an indication of likely GCSE grades for your child. This uses a very similar approach to the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) estimates process. During October your child re-considered their student own targets in the light of their subject estimates from FFT. You can see these student own targets on your child's report this coming Monday. You may notice that the indicators for GCSE grades in the CAT4 report are slightly lower than our adopted system derived from FFT. Our benchmarks for student progress are highly aspirational and we aim for all students to achieve their best.

If you have any further queries regarding the assessment process, please email [METadmin@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:METadmin@maidenerleghtrust.org) and it will be forwarded to the relevant person.

Yours sincerely

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