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Re:CAT4 Testing Tuesday 1st December 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

In school, we wish to assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in Transition Year on Tuesday 1st December at 12pm. We should be finished before 3pm. Students will have a late start of 11:45am on the morning of Tuesday 1st December.

CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

Because of the restrictions this year we will use the digital format of the tests. While we do have a number of devices available for students we do not have enough for everybody so we are asking students to bring a laptop or ipad with wifi capability. It is not possible to do the test on a mobile phone. Students will also need their own earphones.

CAT4 has many uses, one of which is helping your daughter choose her subjects for Leaving Certificate, so it is important that your daughter attends.

The results of the assessment will be sent home and there will be an opportunity for students to discuss their results and their subject choices with the Guidance Counsellor.

If you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mairéad Peppard
Guidance Counsellor