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Dear Parent or Carer

To ensure that we can best meet the needs of all pupils following a significant period of disruption to their school life we would like to put plans in place to ensure we are meeting the specific needs of our students.

We intend to assess all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 during the Autumn term to identify any specific needs and how best we can help them to learn and achieve. As part of this process, we will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to all students in Year 7.

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 so your child should not worry or become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

CAT4 has many uses and can help your child and teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for different key stages.

If you have any queries or concerns, please email enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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