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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that in order to accurately measure and support your child's academic progress, we will be administering the CAT4 test from GL Assessment to pupils who, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, did not sit their KS2 SATs.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a widely recognised assessment tool that provides valuable insights into a pupil's potential by evaluating their reasoning abilities across four key areas: verbal, non-verbal, quantitative, and spatial reasoning. This test generates a robust and reliable GCSE target grade for your child. It will be used alongside internal assessment tracking to place children into their teaching groups, and ensure that we can effectively track their progress and provide suitable support throughout their time at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School.

The CAT4 assessment is scheduled to take place during the week beginning 24th June 2024. It is important to note that this is not a test that requires any specific preparation or revision. Instead, it is designed to measure your child's natural ability to think and reason in different ways. The results will not affect their current grades but will serve as a diagnostic tool to guide future teaching and learning strategies.

We understand that the absence of KS2 data presents a unique challenge, and our aim with the CAT4 assessment is to bridge this gap, ensuring that every pupil receives the support they need to achieve their full potential. Once the assessments have been completed and the results analysed, we will share your child's target grades with you, alongside any recommendations for additional support if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CAT4 test or any other aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are committed to working closely with you to provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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