



Woodside High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 7 CAT 4 testing and assessment weeks

At Woodside High School, we see providing a rich, challenging and ambitious curriculum that enables our students to secure great examination results as a key part of our core purpose. In order to achieve this, we must accurately assess our students to identify knowledge gaps and give accurate feedback.

These assessments start with CATs later this month followed by 3 key assessment weeks that I have outlined below.

The CATs tests are standardised tests that will provide key information about your child's progress and will also:

- Support future curriculum planning
- Indicate potential performance
- Identify any additional support
- Identify any barriers or gaps in knowledge
- Provide and assessment of current knowledge and skills in relation to age-related expectation
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The CATs tests consist of three 45 minute tests. Year 7 students will sit these papers on Thursday 22 September during periods 1-3. The outcomes from the tests will be reported home and identify your child's key strengths and areas requiring greater focus.

These tests will assess verbal, non-verbal and quantitative reasoning as well as spatial ability. Please be aware that your child will not be required to revise for these tests. You should ensure that your child has a pencil, eraser and sharpener as part of their normal equipment on the day.

Further information about the tests can be found at <https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/cat4/>.

Year 7 Assessment Weeks

I have outlined the Woodside High school assessments weeks that are scheduled for year 7 this year. During each assessment week, year 7 students will sit in-class assessments, in each of their subjects.

Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace



Year 7 Assessment Week 1 - w/c 31 October 2022

Year 7 Assessment Week 2 - w/c 30 Jan 2023

Year 7 Assessment Week 3 - w/c 26 June 2023

To support their preparation, teachers will direct their students to the appropriate revision resources. As parent/carer, you will be provided with a report each term, that will update you on your child's progress.

Please endeavour to provide a quiet working space at home for your child to work independently in preparation for these assessments and throughout year 7. It would be useful to display these assessment dates in a prominent place at home so that your child can organise their study.

I look forward to working closely with year 7 and seeing your child achieve the highest possible outcomes.

If you require any further information, please get in contact.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P. Bernard
Deputy Headteacher
Woodside High School

Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace





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Exams and Assessment guidance for students

At Woodside High School we aim to make your exam/assessment experience as stress-free and successful as possible, there are strict rules which staff and students at Woodside High School are expected to follow.

- You **MUST** arrive on time for your exams/tests. If you are late, you will be marked late, and you may not be able to sit the test.
- You **MUST** bring with you, all of the equipment necessary for the exam (black pen, sharp pencil, ruler, eraser, protractor, compass, highlighters, a calculator). All equipment must be in a clear/see through bag.
- Full School Uniform must be worn.
- **Do not bring mobile phones/MP3 players or watches of any sort to school.** If you do, you **MUST HAND THEM TO AN INVIGILATOR** outside the exam room. You will be given a plastic number card for your possessions, which you must return to the invigilator once you leave the exam. We do not accept responsibility for any loss of these items.
- No food or fizzy drinks allowed in the exam room. If you bring your own water to school, you will be asked to remove the label.
- You **MUST NOT TALK** once you are in the hall.
- You **must** remove all paper and notes/timetables from pockets and place them in your bag and place your bags where directed by an invigilator.
- Where calculators are permitted, calculator cases must be placed on the floor.
- Once seated, you are **NOT** permitted to leave your seat. If you have a question or require any equipment such as a calculator, you **MUST PUT UP YOUR HAND** to attract the attention of an invigilator.
- You are not permitted to leave the exam early.
- The school employs a team of invigilators to conduct exams and to support you during your exams. You are expected to show the same level of respect towards external invigilators as they do school staff.
- Invigilators cannot discuss the exam/test paper with you or explain or read the questions to you.
- Students who are disruptive or behave in an unacceptable way will be removed from the exam room by a member of staff. Where this happens you **WILL** be reported and may be disqualified.
- If you experience difficulties during your exams (e.g. illness, injury and personal problems) please inform the school by telephone **as soon as possible.**

- Unless you have a medical condition, for which you have a letter. you are **NOT** permitted to visit the toilet during the exam. Do so before the exam starts.
- If you have not been entered for an exam for which you think you should, please either speak with your teacher, Head of year or the exams manager located in the main office immediately.
- Misreading an exam timetable **will not** be accepted as an explanation for absence.
- **If there is anything you do not understand - PLEASE ASK.**