

Inveralmond Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Inveralmond Community High School we believe in providing each and every student with the opportunity to realise their full potential and achieve at the highest level. To gain a better understanding of the learning needs of our students, we are going to be administering a series of short cognitive ability assessments with all students in S1. We will then use the results from the assessment to improve the support we provide your child in their learning, and to determine whether further intervention is needed. **Assessments will take place after the October break beginning on 18 October 2023.**

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) assesses a student's ability to think across four different reasoning batteries:

- Verbal reasoning – thinking with words
- Quantitative reasoning – thinking with number
- Non-Verbal reasoning – thinking with shapes
- Spatial reasoning – thinking with shapes and space

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of ability and not attainment, so no pre-learning or preparation is necessary. Your child should not feel worried about taking CAT4 as prior knowledge is not required to complete it. The results will be used together with our internal assessment practices, to inform teachers about the strengths and development areas of each student.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Yours sincerely



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