

16th January 2023

Dear parent/carer

At Johnstone High, we strive to drive forward continuous improvement in teaching and learning. Our aim is to raise attainment for all by providing high quality learning experiences which are tailored to the specific needs of our young people. To help us achieve this aim, we are introducing the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) for all students in S1-3.

CAT4 is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) 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.

CAT4 has many uses and can help your child and their teachers to plan appropriately and set targets for all stages of the curriculum. It will also provide key data which supports pupils to make successful option choices.

For S3, these assessments will take place between 23rd and 25th January. Pupils who receive alternative assessment arrangements will be supported in line with their learning profile.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Davidson

Depute Head Teacher (*Acting*)