St John Bosco
ARTS COLLEGE

11th September 2026

Re: Upcoming CATs and GL Assessments for Year 7 Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to supporting your child's learning and development, we will be conducting the Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) and GL Assessments with our Year 7 students starting next week.

These assessments are designed to provide valuable baseline information about each student's strengths and areas for growth in key areas such as verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative reasoning, as well as literacy, numeracy and reading skills. The results help us tailor our teaching approaches and provide targeted support to ensure every student achieves their full potential.

We want to emphasise the importance of these assessments as a starting point for the academic year. They are not designed to be pass or fail tests but tools to understand your child's learning profile better, therefore it is essential that your child tries their best for each of these assessments. *There are no expectations for pupils to revise or prepare for these assessments.*

The testing will start week commencing 14th September and will be completed within a 2-week window. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school and is punctual on the days of the assessments to enable them to perform at their best.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Barclay, PPC for Year 7 or Mrs McGrath, Exams Officer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Exams' Officer

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