



September 2021

## Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I am writing to advise you that all 1st Year students will be taking the CAT4 assessment during the week 13th to 17th September. The schedule for the assessments is below. This CAT4 assessment is given to all Our Lady's students. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) is a suite of tests that assesses a student's reasoning abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. The purpose of the assessment is to inform us about an individual's underlying ability and how this can be recognised and built upon to ensure that a student achieves their potential. The results of these assessments will be shared with Parents.

The test will be taken online. Teaching staff from Our Lady's School will be on hand to help the students with any queries they may have. As rough work may be done on paper, your daughter should bring a pencil with her. The process will take approximately 2 ½ hours to complete. There will be a short break during which students can have a snack. The tests will start at 8.30am and once complete students will return to regular classes. There is no preparation needed to take these assessments and the students will be given more information about them prior to taking them.

If you have any queries regarding the assessments please feel free to contact us.

## CAT 4 Schedule

C1 Room 29 Wednesday 15th September 8.30 to 11.24am L1 Room 32 Wednesday 15th September 8.30 to 11.24am

M1 Room 29 Friday 17th September 8.30 to 11.44am P1 Room 32 Friday 17th September 8.30 to 11.44am

Kind regards

Síobhan Gavin Year Head