



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear [RecipientTitle] [RecipientSurname]

On Thursday 5 December, all Year 7 students will sit some cognitive ability tests (CATs), similar in style to the test they took with us when they initially applied to Emmanuel College. These tests assess how well a student can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. Some tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (non-verbal reasoning), some with words (verbal reasoning) or numbers (quantitative reasoning) and, some questions require thinking about shape and space together and imagining a shape being changed and moving (spatial reasoning). CATs, unlike an English or maths test, are not a test of what the student has learned. It tests how an individual can think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning and achievement.

These tests cannot be revised for, but you may find it helpful to look with [StudentForename] at [some examples of non-verbal reasoning questions](#) they may be asked on the test and the [answer sheet](#) they will use to show their answers.

Full instructions and guidance will be given on the day. Staff will be on hand to provide any practical support to students, but once the test instructions have been read out, the tests are designed so that students can complete them without assistance and staff will not be able to help students if they are unsure of the answer. Please note that extra time cannot be given for this test.

Students will need to ensure they have two sharp pencils and a rubber with them for use in the test, so please do check with [StudentForename] that [he/she] has these in [his/her] pencil case ahead of the test taking place.

The information from these tests will be shared with you in due course and we will use them to inform target setting, alongside the key stage 2 SATs scores.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hall
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