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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of some assessments coming up over the next few weeks.

At Lincroft, we have a commitment to identifying and addressing the needs of individual students in order to better understand and support them with their learning. We believe in providing 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 will be administering a series of short assessments to all students in Years 7.

We would appreciate if you could speak to your child about completing the tests to the best of their ability and would like to stress that **no pre-learning or preparation is necessary** and exam access arrangements are not necessary. Your child should not feel worried about taking these tests as prior knowledge is not required. The results will be used, together with our internal assessment practices, to inform teachers about the strengths and development areas of each student and to determine whether further intervention is needed.

All students complete the **FFT Reading Assessment Programme (RAP) Comprehension Test** at the beginning and end of Years 7 and 8 to track their progress in reading. This online assessment measures comprehension skills, including the ability to identify key ideas, make inferences and interpret meaning.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) will be taken on Wednesday 23 September. They are used to assess students' ability to think across four different areas:

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

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Exams Team exams@lincroft.academy. We look forward to welcoming you into the school for our Year 7 Meet The Tutor event on Thursday 1 October. We will provide more detailed information about this event soon.

Yours sincerely,
George Lewis.

