

Monday 9 September 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 7 Assessments

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.

The **New Group Reading Test (NGRT)** is an online assessment that will be taken during English lessons between Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The information from these tests helps us to identify reading ages. Reading ages are important to us as we know that by the time they sit their GCSEs, students need to have a reading age of approximately 15 years old to access the exam questions in all subjects. Staff use the information to ensure that their teaching is adapted as necessary to provide support or extension, and the Inclusion Team uses the information to design bespoke curriculum support for students that need it.

The **Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4)** will be taken on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Head of Department or the Exams Team [exams@lincroft.academy](mailto:exams@lincroft.academy).

Yours faithfully

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