THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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14th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Cognitive Ability and Exact Tests

During the week commencing 21st September 2026, all students in Year 7 will be completing CAT (Cognitive Ability Tests) and Exact tests, (to assess literacy), in order to support our teachers in understanding the strengths and development areas of our students. These tests are online and will take place in our IT rooms. Year 8 and 9 will be sitting Exact tests only.

Students will need headphones for all tests (online instructions are often spoken) which, where possible, the school will provide. We are awaiting a new order of headphones, so are asking all students who may have suitable headphones of their own to bring them into school everyday from Monday 21st September to be used whilst sitting these tests.

Headphones need to have a standard 2.5mm jack and can either be over or in-ear types.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Peel
Deputy Headteacher
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The Buckingham School is committed to ensure that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.