

13th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Parent-Tutor Evening Thursday 30th September 4-7pm

CATS tests Monday 20th September - Wednesday 22nd September

Parent-Tutor Evening

I am pleased to remind you that the school will be holding a Parent-Tutor Evening in school for all Year 7 parents on the evening of Thursday 30th September 2021. The evening is an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's form tutor how they have settled at St James'. In addition, there will be presentations in the school Hall at 4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm on important school systems such as Show My Homework, e-safety, curriculum and standards and how to best support your child in Year 7. Your son/daughter will need to make an appointment with their form tutor which they must record on your behalf in their planner.

CATS Tests

Next week, your child will be sitting their Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) in school. The students do not need to prepare for these and each test will only last 45 minutes. CATs are designed not to test knowledge or fact retention but children's abilities to think in particular ways including understanding, memory, reasoning and decision-making. These tests allow us to see what each child's academic potential might be, as well as to identify weaker areas that may need additional support.

Yours faithfully

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