

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 7 CATS and Progress Tests – week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Year 7 students have a week of assessments coming up, beginning on Monday. These assessments will help us get a clear baseline for each student's English, Maths and Science attainment and to be able to target the right interventions and support to accurately measure their progress.

All students will be spoken to about these assessments in form time and prepared for them fully by their form tutor, but I know some parents will want to give their child some extra support and preparation at home. These are not tests that they need to revise for; they just need to show up and do their best.

The majority of students will be sitting their assessments in the Sports Hall, with the other students (similar to how their SATs will have been) but some primary schools have shared access arrangements with us (smaller room, 25% extra time) and Mrs Dorrington will be in touch with individual parents where this is the case.

We have also identified some students who we consider will need a reader/scribe to access the assessments. Again, you will be contacted if this applies to your child.

We use these assessments as the first opportunity to formally identify access arrangements that children may need for future exams - access arrangements are constantly adapted in order to get them right for Year 11 and nothing is set in stone at this stage.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself at: [rebeccawildman@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:rebeccawildman@graceacademy.org.uk) or Mrs Dorrington at [leannedorrington@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:leannedorrington@graceacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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