



## Our reference: Year 6CAT2023

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

At Bryntirion, we believe in providing each and 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 are going to be administering a series of short cognitive ability assessments with all students in Year 6 prior to their start in September. We will then use the results from the assessment to improve the support we provide your child in their learning, and to determine whether any intervention is needed.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) assesses a student's ability to think across four different reasoning batteries:

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

Detailed information about the CAT4 test can be found here:

<https://support.gi-assessment.co.uk/knowledge-base/assessments/cat4-support/information-for-parents/information-for-parents/>

I would like to stress that this is an assessment of ability and not attainment, so no pre-learning or preparation is necessary. Your child should not feel worried about taking CAT4 as prior knowledge is not required to complete it. The results will be used together with our internal assessment practices, to inform teachers about the strengths and development areas of each student.

The timetable for assessments is shown in the table below:

- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 10.00am -1.15pm** – Maes Yr Haul Primary, Trelales Primary School and Penyfai Primary School
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 10.00am -1.15pm** – Llangewydd Junior School & all other primary schools

The assessments will take place at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. Transport will be provided by Bryntirion Comprehensive School for students from Maes Yr Haul Primary School, Penyfai Primary School and Trelales Primary School. Llangewydd Junior School will walk to Bryntirion. All students should attend their primary school as normal on the dates above. Staff from the primary schools will accompany the students to and from Bryntirion for the tests. Please could the parents of students from all other primary schools bring their child to the school for 9.45am and collect from the school at 1.15pm. All students are asked to bring a packed lunch.



Once the assessment has been carried out we will be in touch again to discuss the results and any next steps. If you have any queries about the nature or purpose of this CAT4 test, please do not hesitate to contact Lee Allinson (Assistant Headteacher) via email [Lee.ALLINSON@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru](mailto:Lee.ALLINSON@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru)

Yours sincerely  
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