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13 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 CATS4 Assessments 2022

Dates: Tuesday 20 September – Monday 26 September 2022

As the Campus Lead of our Mill Road site, I wanted to share with you the fantastic start that our students in Year 7 have made at Plume Academy. They have shown an excellent attitude and great enthusiasm, along with a friendly positivity, that has already put them in good stead for the future. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome them into the academy and we are delighted to have seen them settle in so quickly. They are very much a credit to you as parents/carers and we very much appreciate your positive communications and support thus far.

I am also writing to clarify that in the first half-term for all Year 7 students, we routinely carry out a benchmarking set of assessments. These are called CATS4. It is important to note that these assessments cannot be revised for as they are not content based tests. Therefore, we would like to advise at this early stage in the academic year students do not have any preparatory work to complete for these assessments.

We will use the ensuing results, along with teacher assessments that are completed as part of our curriculum model, to ensure that we have a clear academic profile for your child. I will also explain these assessments to your child in a special virtual assembly on Friday 16 September 2022, offering all the details of how they will be registered and brought down to the gym hall. Please be reassured that staff will be present to guide and support the students through the whole process and we will emphasise that there is no need to revise or prepare for this in anyway.

If you have any questions regarding the CATS4 assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Everett
Assistant Vice Principal and
Mill Road Campus Lead