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To Parents of all First Year students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COGNITIVE ABILITY TESTS in SEPTEMBER 2017

We hope that your son or daughter is beginning to settle in to the routines at Ripon Grammar School and has enjoyed his or her first few days. As you would expect we are keen to monitor the progress of all our students throughout their time at the School and we want to share our views with parents through the normal pattern of school reports and parent consultation evenings.

The performance of all First Year students is considered in lessons in the early part of the Autumn term in order to identify strengths and weaknesses. In common with most other secondary schools part of this process is to arrange for all First Year students to take Cognitive Ability Tests. Cognitive Ability Tests are one of the first steps in the assessment and monitoring of student performance which will continue throughout their time at Ripon Grammar School.

The Cognitive Ability Tests will provide us with useful information about your child's current performance in four aspects of learning which are usually known as the verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial batteries. This preliminary information, which is for internal use only, will be combined with all the other information that is gathered in the continuing monitoring of student performance. Subsequently, we will discuss your child's progress through School Reports and Parents' Evening.

We will hold these tests on Wednesday 20 September, Thursday 21 September and Friday 22 September. They are short tests [approximately 30 minutes with a further 25 minutes allocated for their organisation] scheduled into the normal school day and are taken by the students in classrooms during registration and period one.

The nature of the tests has been explained to all First Year students in an assembly for the whole year group held earlier this week. They have been informed that there is no need for any additional preparation and that they should not be worried about these assessments. If you, or your child, has any queries about these tests, please contact one of us directly at the school.

Yours sincerely

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