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Dear Parent,

Glanmire Community College (GCC) creates a personal profile of students' academic potential, which is then used as a baseline to track and monitor their achievement in school. In GCC, we use the Cognitive Ability Test (CAT4) to assess your child's cognitive ability across four domains: Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Spatial Reasoning. The CAT4 is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning. Please see the links below for an overview of the assessment, purpose and procedures.

<https://youtu.be/U0DDUKuQtKc>

<https://www.gi-assessment.ie/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

While many tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, such as English and Maths, CAT4 is designed to give us a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

We are scheduling a repeat CAT4 assessment for Transition Year students during the week of 15-19 May to provide us with more up-to-date information about students cognitive ability, prior to starting the Leaving Cert Programme. There is no study or preparation required for this assessment. It is not an evaluative assessment and should not cause any assessment-related anxiety.

The data will be used by school personnel to support your child's progress in school. Data may also be used for research purposes, in which case the data will be anonymized. A copy of the Cork ETB Data Protection Policy is available at <https://www.corketb.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CETB-Data-Protection-Policy-.pdf>

If you require any further information or wish to withdraw consent for your child to participate, please contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Ronan McCarthy (Principal)