

Dear Parents

This term your child will complete Cognitive Ability Tests at JPS and I invite you to an information evening regarding these assessments. In addition, the information evening will include details regarding secondary school placements at Jumeirah College and other GEMS Schools.

What are Cognitive Ability Tests?

CAT4 is a comprehensive and objective test of your child's developed abilities. They are a suite of tests that assesses pupils' reasoning abilities, in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment.

Your child will sit 4 short tests:

1. Verbal Reasoning – thinking with words
2. Quantitative reasoning – thinking with numbers
3. Non-verbal reasoning – thinking with shapes
4. Spatial ability – thinking with shape and space

Purpose of the Assessments

1. For children to become familiar with this type of assessment, which is becoming increasingly popular locally and globally. As you may know, Jumeirah College uses CAT4 as their admissions assessment tool.
2. For JPS to provide you and your child with an **early indication** regarding the suitability of an application to Jumeirah College and other GEMS' Schools.
3. To provide you with a summary of your child's results and relevant information about their development alongside JPS reporting arrangements.

When will the assessments take place?

Year 5 – Week commencing 26th April

Year 4 – Week commencing 3rd May

The tests will take around 2 hours to complete and will be administered during the normal school day.

Information evenings

We would like to invite you to a session, where we will share more information about these assessments, as well as key information regarding secondary school application. We understand that this may seem a little early for some, but we strongly advise you to come along.

Year 5 – Monday 20th April 2015, 6:30pm, JPS Main Hall.

Year 4 – Monday 27th April 2015, 6:30pm, JPS Main Hall.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions at the session, however, please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any immediate queries.

Yours sincerely,

David Baldwin
Vice Principal