



'Bringing out the Best in Each and Every Child'

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Dear Year 6 pupils,

Soon, you will sit your SATs tests for Maths, Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. We know how hard you have been working, but there is something you must know:

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you unique. The people that create these tests and score them, do not know each of you the way we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you can speak two languages or that you love to sing & dance or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for gymnastics, horse riding or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; your laughter brightening up the darkest day. They do not know that your face turns red when you get shy or that you get nervous when asked questions, even though you know the answer. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, support questionable football teams or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful. They do not know that every day, regardless of what you may be going through, you try your best and try to be the best version of you.

The levels you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So, while you are preparing for the tests, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing things that make you, YOU!

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all (Aristotle).

Sleep well, rest well and believe in yourself.

Good Luck from everyone at Clifton Primary School