



P6



Information Meeting



Why sit the Entrance Tests?

- To select the children for Grammar school

Standard of Tests

- 2 assessment papers
- Set and marked by GL Assessment
- Both papers assess Maths and English
- questions set to level 4 & 5
- Equal marks will be allocated to Maths and English
- Each paper is one hour long

Format of Tests

- 2 assessment papers
- Actual test starts with a practice section of 5 English & 5 Maths questions (not assessed) to settle pupils
- Additional 10 minutes granted to complete with invigilator
- English section (28 questions)
- Punctuation, grammar & spelling exercises
- All multiple choice answers
- Comprehension section with multiple choice answers and some free response answers

- Maths section (28 questions)
- Q1-22 all multiple-choice answers
- Final 6 questions are free response answers
- Show answers/calculations in space provided

Registration Procedure

- Registration opens online on SEAG website, www.seagni.co.uk, Monday 20th May 2024
- Fee of £20 (pupils on FSM are exempt from cost)
- Registration closes Friday 20th September 2024
- Paper 1 Saturday 16th November 2024
- Paper 2 Saturday 23rd November 2024
- Results end January 2025

Opt in or opt out?

- Things to consider:-
- The level your child is working at in school, ie Group 1, Group 2, etc
- The type of secondary education that would best suit your child.
- Your child's attitude to school work / homework

What if my child opts out?

- Your child will continue to work at their level.
- Appropriate targets will be set for them.
- **They will not be neglected.**

Procedure - P6

- March/April - begin introductory tests
- School will continue to use 'On Target' Level 1 introductory/practice tests
- Used to develop exam technique and time management
- Stress the need to calculate answers, rather than 'guess' from multiple-choice answer options
- Initial tests completed in class (1 test per week)
- Test will be marked & explained during school time
- Please ensure that all tests are signed after corrections are completed and then returned to school the following day.

Procedure - P6 cont'd

- April - June - further tests with increasing difficulty
- Mainly completed in school, but some may be sent home for completion
- Additional material will be made available for extra practice over summer holidays (to be used at parents' discretion)
- May - parents should indicate, via website, if child plans to sit the entrance tests.

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Procedure - P7

- September - final decision made on whether or not to sit the test.
- 1 test to be completed in school (Tues. mornings @ 9.30am)
- Marked in class on same day
- Homeworks in format of transfer preparation
- Weekly practice paper for homework (only given out on Wednesday night)
- Saturday 16th November 2024 - **first entrance assessment**
- Saturday 23rd November 2024 - **second entrance assessment**
- Late January 2025- **Results available via website**

- The mark will be given as a standardised score with approx. 203 indicating the average score (correlates to old AQE score of approx. 102)
- February 2025 - decisions made on choice of new school and transfer reports to be completed , as per usual

How can I help my child?

- Keep tests in perspective
- Be realistic
- Positive encouragement
- Support with corrections/ work at home.
- Discuss everyday things in their own environment to improve their observation and reasoning skills.
- Ensure they know the facts in their Maths and English Facts Books.
- Help them apply this to everyday life situations.

Resources you can buy/use

- SEAG commercial tests will be available to purchase online/from shops
- Please note do not start these tests until May/June as all curriculum content will not have been taught before this time
- Resources will be available to order through school for P6 Summer revision packs/P7 school practice papers @ approx. £30 per pupil ("Stirling Tuition")
- P7 homework booklets
- Do not allow your child to complete any sample papers from "Stirling Tuition" or "On Target."
These will be used in some form in school.

Things NOT to do

- **Don't** - allow your child to complete any sample papers from "Stirling" or "On Target" - at home or with tutors
- **Don't** - withdraw your child from all extra curricular activities to spend more time doing tests.
- **Don't** - take tests / school work when you are going on your family holiday!

What Now?

- If you do not wish your child to participate in the preparation for these entrance tests, please complete the slip (available today) and return to school
- You may withdraw your child from this work at any time, through written confirmation



Thank you!

