



Welcome

Wellington College Belfast
Transfer Test Familiarisation Afternoon

Association for Quality Education Ltd. (AQE)
6th November 2017, 4.00pm

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Test Dates AQE Ltd.

- Assessment One:
 - **Saturday 11th November 2017**
- Assessment Two:
 - **Saturday 25th November 2017**
- Assessment Three:
 - **Saturday 2nd December 2017**
- Results received:
 - **Saturday 27th January 2018**



Parental Information – drop off and collection

- ❖ Parking available in front of the College, allow time
- ❖ Bring children to the College Main Entrance
- ❖ Arrival time 9.00-9.30 a.m. Do not arrive before 9.00 a.m.
- ❖ Drop off point will be the Main Entrance. Parents will not be permitted beyond this point.
- ❖ Collect at the Pupil Entrance
- ❖ Collection time 11.05 a.m. Doors will open at 11.00 a.m.
- ❖ Collection waiting point will be the Dining Room.
- ❖ Prefects will escort P7 pupils to the correct location from the main entrance area and back again after the test.



Parent reminders...

- Allow time for **traffic**
- Remember your child's **Admissions Card**
- Issues – **emergency contact**
- **All documentation relating to the AQE tests, including access arrangements, special circumstances and special provision applications can be found at the AQE website www.aqe.org.uk**



Equipment and organisation

- **No electronic media or devices**
- We supply pencils and rubbers as required
- A clock will be in each room
- Tissues and water are available
- Children of same Primary Schools are normally seated together



Parent Information – AQE Timings

- **9.00-9.30** registration, then go to Assembly Hall
- **9.30** go to assessment venues
- **9.45** seated and instructions given
- **10.00** Test Begins
- **11.00** Test Ends
- **11.05** Children returned to the pupil entrance

AQE test Sample Front Cover

Do not turn over or open this booklet until told to do so

CEA

Common Entrance Assessment

Paper 1

Saturday 7 November 2015

Time: 1 Hour

Please fill in the following from your admission card:

Your Candidate Number _____

Your Assessment Centre _____

Your Date of Birth _____

Answer all 58 questions in this booklet


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NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PUPIL			
MATHEMATICS			
Page	Marks	Score	Check
1	(4)		
2	(4)		
6	(4)		
7	(4)		
11	(3)		
12	(2)		
13	(3)		
17	(4)		
18	(3)		
19	(2)		
20	(1)		
TOTAL 32			


NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PUPIL			
ENGLISH			
Page	Marks	Score	Check
3	(2)		
4	(4)		
5	(4)		
8	(3)		
9	(3)		
10	(3)		
15	(6)		
16	(3)		
22	(4)		
23	(4)		
TOTAL 32			

AQE test format


- 1 hour in duration
- Assesses English and Mathematics
- Three tests – final result will be based on the best two scores out of three
- No supplementary test


 **AQE test structure**

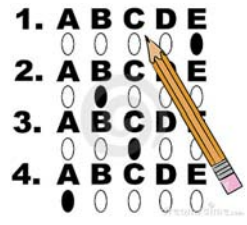
- 8 mathematics items
- Poem 1 followed by 7 comprehension items.
- 8 mathematics items
- Basic skills passage (lines numbered on the right) followed by 5 basic skills items.
- 8 mathematics items.
- Poem 2 (followed by 7 comprehension items)
- 8 mathematics items
- Prose passage followed by 7 comprehension items



 **Children**

Children leave for Examination Hall









Why 3 tests?

- Applicants may sit two out of the three papers or all three papers: in the latter case the best two scores will count.
- However the three assessment option, which allows for an “off-day”, is recommended by AQE Ltd. as giving candidates the best chance of showing their true potential. Each year practically all the candidates sit the three papers.
- There is no supplementary assessment for AQE Ltd.



Late Arrivals – AQE Ltd.

- If a candidate arrives to the examination centre shortly after the start of the assessment, we will permit them to sit the assessment in an alternative room
- If the candidate arrives to the examination centre after 15 minutes of the test starting, they will not be permitted to sit that day’s assessment




Access Arrangements – AQE Ltd.

- Any child who might otherwise be prevented from taking the Entrance Assessment or whose performance is likely to be impaired by illness, injury, condition or disability may be granted access arrangements.
- Parents/guardians must have applied for Access Arrangements and had them approved by AQE before or at the time of the Entrance Assessment.
- If access arrangements are required just before an assessment, contact the AQE office.
- Rooms will be confirmed on the day of the assessment.



Special Circumstances – AQE Ltd.


- ❖ A medical or other problem occurring just before or during the assessment which affects your child's performance
- ❖ Parents provide appropriate evidence to the Board of Governors of the school to which their child is applying
- ❖ You will need objective documentary evidence to support your claim
- ❖ Board of Governors assess the evidence and make a decision
- ❖ The application form, SC15, may be viewed on the AQE website www.aqe.org.uk



Parental Information

Important Dates for Transfer to Grammar Schools in 2018:

- ❖ *Saturday 27th January 2018 - Results received*
- ❖ *February 2018 – Interview with the Primary School Principal*
- ❖ *May 2018 – Schools will issue letters of placement*




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Entrance Criteria

We are a non-denominational Grammar School with a diverse student intake, we support a cross-community approach to education by hosting both the AQE and the GL assessment and accepting pupils through both routes.

- ✓ Pupils are placed in Band according to score
- ✓ 110 places are issued for Year 8
- ✓ Oversubscribed criteria are applied whenever we reach 110+ applications
- ✓ *(Sibling / Eldest child / Past pupil / Free School Meals / Distance : Tie breaker)*



Admissions - Bands

Band	AQE Standardised Score	GLA Cohort Percentile
Band I	106 or above	60 or above
Band II	103 - 105	50 - 59
Band III	99 - 102	40 - 49
Band IV	94 - 98	30 - 39
Band V	88 - 93	20 - 29
Band VI	87 or below	19 or below



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We wish all candidates every success in their forthcoming entrance tests!

More information available on our **Open Evenings:**

- Thursday 4th January 2018
- Monday 8th January 2018
- College open from 7-9pm
- Principal's Talks 7pm and 8pm

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