




Welcome

**Wellington College Belfast
Transfer Test Familiarisation Afternoon**

**GL Assessment
Post Primary Transfer Consortium NI (PPTC)
6th November 2017, 5.00pm**

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Test Dates GL Assessment

- Test Date: 18 November 2017
- Supplementary Test: 9 December 2017
- Deadline for requests to take the Supplementary Entrance Assessment: Monday 27 November 2017
- Results will arrive at pupils' homes: 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 12.30 p.m. Doors will open at 12.30 p.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 GL tests, including access arrangements, special circumstances and special provision applications can be found at the PPTC website**
www.pptcni.com



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 – GL Timings

- **9.00-9.30** registration, then go to Assembly Hall
- **9.30** go to assessment venues
- **9.40** instruction given – Practice Questions:
English
- **10.00** Exam begins: English
- **10.50** Exam finishes
- **Break c. 10.55**

Parent Information – GL Timings

- 11.20 return to assessment venues
- 11.30 instruction given – Practice Questions: Maths
- 11.40 Exam Begins: Maths
- 12.25 Exam Finishes
- 12.30 Children return to pupil entrance

GL Assessment Sample Paper Cover



The image shows a sample English answer sheet and a sample practice test. The answer sheet includes fields for Pupil Name, School Name, and Date of Test. It features a table with columns for Pupil Reference, English Answer, and Date of Birth. Below the table is a section for the Candidate's Name and a section for the Sample Practice Test. The practice test consists of three multiple-choice questions, each with four options (A, B, C, D). The questions are:

1. Which of the following is a verb?

2. Which of the following is a noun?

3. Which of the following is an adjective?

4. Which of the following is a pronoun?

5. Which of the following is a conjunction?

6. Which of the following is a preposition?

7. Which of the following is an adverb?

8. Which of the following is a determiner?

9. Which of the following is a modal verb?

10. Which of the following is a relative pronoun?

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
SAMPLE NOT TO BE USED.**



GL Assessment Format - English


- Practice assessment – 20 minutes
- Main assessment – 50 minutes
- Reading passage followed by 10 comprehension questions, then 10 spelling questions,
- Another reading passage followed by 14 comprehension questions, then 8 punctuation questions
- A final reading passage followed by 13 comprehension questions.
- Finally, there are 5 general questions.




GL Assessment Format - Mathematics

- Practice Assessment:
- 3 familiarisation questions and 6 practice questions



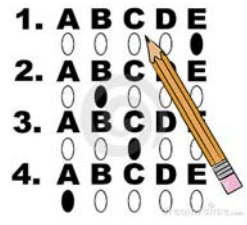
- Main Assessment:
- 45 questions in 45 minutes

 **Break – GL Assessment**

- There will be a c.30 minute break between the English and Mathematics assessment
- Pupils will be escorted to the Dining Room for a snack and drink provided by the school
- There will be an opportunity to visit the toilet, pupils are encouraged to do so

 **Children**

Children leave for Examination Hall



  

1. A B C D E
○ ○ ○ ○ ●

2. A B C E
○ ○ ● ○

3. A B C D
○ ○ ○ ○

4. A B C D E
● ○ ○ ○ ○



Supplementary Assessment

- Supplementary test is **only available** for a pupil who was registered but unable to sit the test or part of the test because of medical or other emergency reasons
- If this applies to your son/daughter, you must write to the Principal **before 2.00 pm on 27th November**
- Must supply documentary evidence
- Test centre for supplementary assessment will be advised by PPTCNI



Late Arrivals – GL Assessment

- 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 – GL Assessment

- 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 before the time of the GL Assessment.
- If access arrangements are required just before an assessment, contact Access Coordinator, Mr Young. Rooms will be confirmed on the day of the assessment.



Special Circumstances – GL Assessment


- ❖ 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



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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