



## **English Exam & Computer Based Test for 11+ Entry**

### **English Examination**

Candidates applying for 11+ places will be expected to sit a 45 minute English paper, which is exactly the same for scholarship and non-scholarship candidates.

The passage is extracted from a book or short story suitable to be read by children of 10-12 years old. The comprehension is fairly simple and everyone should be able to tackle it.

The paper is divided in to two sections; the format will allow candidates to show their ability to read with understanding and to express themselves in writing creatively and with clarity.

### **Comprehension and Writing**

There will be one passage, followed by a series of questions, none of which will be set in the multiple choice style. Included will be:

- a) straightforward factual questions
- b) vocabulary questions testing understanding and also the ability to make intelligent deductions about meanings
- c) questions inviting a personal response to the passage with the opportunity for candidates to develop their own ideas

Candidates will be assessed for the following:

- a) neat and legible handwriting
- b) accurate spelling
- c) correct use of basic punctuation and paragraphing
- d) originality and liveliness of language used
- e) interesting and well-expressed ideas

## **Computer Based Test**

Girls will also sit a computer based test which covers literacy, numeracy and non- verbal reasoning.

The computer based test is part of a national project run by University of Durham and is used by a number of independent schools nationally. All schools remain anonymous to each other; however, if your daughter has taken/or will take the same test at another participating school then we will be given the results of all tests, including the one taken elsewhere.

As a guideline, applicants should be achieving NFER or equivalent scores of at least 105. If you are not sure if your daughter meets these requirements, please discuss it with your daughter's teacher or Head Teacher.

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