



## Information and Recommended Resource list for 11+/Secondary Entrance Exams.

### Exam boards by area:

**CEM:** Berkshire, Bexley, Birmingham, Buckinghamshire, Devon, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Walsall, Warwickshire, Wirral, Wolverhampton

**GL Assessment:** Cumbria, Dorset, Kent, Lancashire, Medway, Northern Ireland and Wiltshire

**Mixture of CEM and GL Assessment:** Devon, Essex, Hertfordshire, Trafford and Yorkshire

Whichever test your child ends up taking, verbal reasoning (analysing text, solving word problems, spotting letter sequences, etc.), non-verbal reasoning (spatial awareness, pattern-spotting and logical skills) and numerical testing are the common subject themes. The exams assess general maths and English knowledge, along with your child's vocabulary and problem-solving skills. It is important to thoroughly prepare your child for the exam, as primary schools won't cover the skills that are needed to successfully pass the 11+ exam.

### Exam format

The 11+ exam is timed, lasting between 45 and 60 minutes, and there are two different question formats:

**Standard format** – where children formulate and write their answer

**Multiple-choice format** – where answers are made in a separate answer booklet

Since this could be the first formal examination your child has ever taken, then getting the timings right is something that has to be trained and practised for. Taking timed 11+ mock papers is therefore a must when preparing for the 11+ exam, as is working on numerical exercises, comprehension and writing skills. Consistently reading new, age-relevant texts is also another way to help improve in these areas. I have also included the recommendations for the best 11+ resources you can use to support your child throughout the process.

**It must be said, that you may want to seek the help of a specialist 11+ exam tutor, these can be easily found online, however these are not necessarily essential for your child's success.** Tutor's do often however have more up-to-date materials for your desired/target schools. An example of where you may be able to acquire a tutor is [Tutorean.co.uk](http://Tutorean.co.uk).

## Recommended resources;



### **SATs Papers;**

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/11-plus-papers/>

Here you will find a range of free to download resources for verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, Maths and English elements of the entrance tests. All you will need is your email address. This website will also give you access to past papers for End of Key Stage 2 SATs papers. Which will also be handy to have a look at in preparation for the end of Key Stage 2.

### **Learning Together 11+ Publishers;**

<https://www.learningtogether.co.uk/17-11plus-info/42-11-plus-preparation>

Here you will find links and information regarding the 11+ Exams, helpful links to preparation materials, handy tips and advice on the process of applying for entrance exams and what to expect as you enter the process. The best feature I feel about this site is the online tests and quizzes that you are able to access, giving you feedback on performance as you engage.

### **11PlusEhelp**

<https://www.11plusehelp.co.uk/>

This site has a variety of timed online tests, long and short format tests, mock exams, feedback on questions in the form of detailed explanations and also weakness reports. These can highlight areas where your child may need to focus further, the site also offers tips on how to improve.

Another benefit to this site is that it has a handy schedule that tracks the guidelines for independent and grammar schools, their applications and deadlines.

### **A Testing Time**

<https://www.atestingtime.com/ATestingTime/index.php>

This site provides unlimited online verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests. Original, unique questions are generated immediately, so you're never taking the same test twice (unless you want to review and compare your progress). Furthermore, there are 34 different question types, each with 11 levels of difficulty, which allows you to create customisable tests that are scored immediately.



## Seven Oaks School and Dulwich College

<https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions/entry-at-11/past-papers/>

<https://www.dulwich.org.uk/admissions/year-7-entry>

Both of these sites provide downloadable samples of past papers for independent 11+ entrance exams. Some of the answers for the papers are provided however, the best feature is the high quality of the papers, as this will prepare children and families for what the entrance exams may look like. Seven Oaks School also provides a link to an age-appropriate recommended reading list for pupils, this will give a good breadth of text types for your child to read and engage with.

## The Tutoress

<https://www.thetutoress.com/11-past-papers/>

This website has lots of great links for parents/carers and families to access such as blogs and video tutorials, with great advice of how to navigate preparation for exams.

There is also a comprehensive list of past papers from a range of schools across the UK that are free to download. All good practise!

## Bond 11+

<https://www.bond11plus.co.uk/>

For over 50 years, Bond 11+ has been the gold standard for 11+ and entrance exam preparation. They sell a variety of books and also have an online platform to access help also. It provides mock exams, instant feedback on performance and unlimited access to 11+ practise questions. By registering for free there is still a good range of downloadable resources at hand.

## 11 Plus Lifeline

<https://www.rsleducational.co.uk/11pluslifeline/>

This site boasts another bank of high quality resources your child can use to prepare for the 11+/entrance exams, guidance and information surrounding the whole process.

## Schools you may wish to consider:



<p>The Academy of St Francis of Assisi <a href="http://asfaonline.org/">http://asfaonline.org/</a></p> <p>The Academy of St Nicholas <a href="http://theacademyofstnicholas.org.uk/">http://theacademyofstnicholas.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Alsop High School <a href="https://www.alsophigh.org.uk/">https://www.alsophigh.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Archbishop Beck Catholic College <a href="https://www.archbishopbeck.com/">https://www.archbishopbeck.com/</a></p> <p>Archbishop Blanch School <a href="https://www.abblanch.com/">https://www.abblanch.com/</a></p> <p>Bellerive FCJ Catholic College <a href="http://www.bellerivefcj.org/">http://www.bellerivefcj.org/</a></p> <p>The Belvedere Academy <a href="https://www.belvedereacademy.net/">https://www.belvedereacademy.net/</a></p> <p>Broadgreen International School <a href="https://www.broadgreeninternationalschool.com/">https://www.broadgreeninternationalschool.com/</a></p> <p>Broughton Hall High School <a href="http://www.broughtonhall.com/">http://www.broughtonhall.com/</a></p> <p>Calderstones School <a href="https://www.calderstones.co.uk/">https://www.calderstones.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School <a href="https://www.cardinal-heenan.org.uk/">https://www.cardinal-heenan.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Childwall Sports and Science Academy <a href="https://www.childwallssa.org">https://www.childwallssa.org</a></p> <p>De La Salle Academy <a href="https://www.de-la-salle.co.uk/">https://www.de-la-salle.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Fazakerley High School <a href="https://www.fazakerleyhigh.org/">https://www.fazakerleyhigh.org/</a></p> <p>Gateacre School <a href="https://www.gateacre.org/">https://www.gateacre.org/</a></p>	<p>Holly Lodge Girls' College <a href="https://www.hollylodge.liverpool.sch.uk/">https://www.hollylodge.liverpool.sch.uk/</a></p> <p>King David High School <a href="https://www.kingdavidliverpool.co.uk/">https://www.kingdavidliverpool.co.uk/</a></p> <p>King's Leadership Academy Liverpool <a href="https://www.kingsliverpool.com/">https://www.kingsliverpool.com/</a></p> <p>Liverpool Blue Coat School <a href="https://www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/">https://www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Liverpool Life Sciences UTC <a href="https://lifesciencesutc.co.uk/">https://lifesciencesutc.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Liverpool College <a href="https://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/">https://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/</a></p> <p>North Liverpool Academy <a href="https://northliverpoolacademy.co.uk/">https://northliverpoolacademy.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Notre Dame Catholic College <a href="https://www.notredameliverpool.com/">https://www.notredameliverpool.com/</a></p> <p>St Edward's College <a href="https://www.st-edwards.co.uk/">https://www.st-edwards.co.uk/</a></p> <p>St Francis Xavier's College <a href="https://sfx1842.org/">https://sfx1842.org/</a></p> <p>St Hilda's Church of England High School <a href="http://www.st-hildas.co.uk/">http://www.st-hildas.co.uk/</a></p> <p>St John Bosco Arts College <a href="https://www.stjohnboscoartscollege.com/">https://www.stjohnboscoartscollege.com/</a></p> <p>St Julie's Catholic High School <a href="https://www.stjulies.org.uk/">https://www.stjulies.org.uk/</a></p> <p>St Margaret's Church of England Academy <a href="https://www.stmargaretsacademy.com/">https://www.stmargaretsacademy.com/</a></p> <p>The Studio School Liverpool <a href="https://thestudioliverpool.uk/">https://thestudioliverpool.uk/</a></p> <p>West Derby School <a href="https://www.westderbyschool.co.uk/">https://www.westderbyschool.co.uk/</a></p>
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