

SEAG Entrance
Assessment
2024
Familiarisation

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- Letter with drop-off/pick-up times
- Expectations of Parents and Pupils on the Days of the SEAG Entrance Assessment
- FAQs for Parents whose Children will sit the SEAG Entrance Assessment 2024
- Contingency Planning or 'What If' Scenarios - A Guide for Parents/Guardians

- Pupil Cards are available for download on the SEAG website from 3/10/24.

It's just another school day,

wear your school uniform,

it helps to get you in the right frame of mind.

- We do the Assessments in classrooms, supervised by our staff, and in each room we have up to 20 pupils.
- We will look after everybody from when your parents arrive with you until they pick you up again.
- We will have a lot of friendly faces about to take care of you: teachers, learning support and student prefects.
- You cannot get lost on the morning – we have so many people here to look after you – no need to worry, there will always be someone there to help you out.

People will be on hand to collect the children from you when you drop them off at the school foyer and.



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- The Entrance Assessment consists of two Assessment Papers taken a week apart, 16th and 23rd of November.
- Two sharpened HB pencils, an eraser and blank sheets of paper for “working out” will be provided.
- Highlighters are permitted but must not be used on the Answer sheet.
- Rulers*, calculators, mobile phones, earbuds, watches/ Smartwatches and other electronic devices are not permitted
- Water will be provided, do not bring any food or drink.

DETAILS OF ASSESSMENTS

- The Paper starts with a Practice section, about 15 minutes long, containing 5 English questions and 5 Maths questions.
- This allows pupils time to settle and to practise answering the same types of questions as those in the Main Paper but without those questions being marked or timed.
- The actual assessment, 60 minutes long, consists of an English section which has 28 questions and then a Maths section which also has 28 questions.

- 56 questions in 60 minutes*
- English: Q1 - Q28
- Maths: Q29 - Q56
- Multiple choice and free response (see official SEAG Practice Papers 1 and 2)
- Work quickly and carefully
- Extra time is not allowed for a toilet break. It will be allocated for sickness/distress.

There will be a clock at the front of the room.

- Pupils are told the start time and finishing time.
- The Invigilator will advise all pupils about the time:
 - when they are about halfway through
 - when they have about 20 minutes left
 - when they have about 10 minutes left
- After 60* minutes, pupils will be told to stop, put their pencils down and not to talk.

*Timings will differ for pupils with extra time allowed.

ASSESSMENT DAY(S)

Schedule for each day: 16th and 23rd of November 2024

Procedure	Normal Timings	Additional Time Pupils
Children are settled in their assessment location	09.40 - 10.00	09.40 - 10.00
Preamble + Practice Test	10.00 - 10.15	10.00 - 10.15
Main Test	10.15 - 11.15	10.15 - 11.30
Children escorted from their location in phased manner	11.15 - 11.35	11.30 - 11.45

- Your child should arrive at the Entrance Assessment Centre between 9:30 am and 9:40 am on Saturday 16th November 2024 and on Saturday 23rd November 2024.
- Please leave your child outside the reception where staff will be on hand to guide the children to their rooms.
- Your child may be collected after the Assessment at 11:30 am on Saturday 16th November 2024 and at the same time on Saturday 23rd November 2024.
- Please collect your child at the reception area where they were dropped off.
- Please note that parents should not proceed beyond this point and that noise levels should be kept low.

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KEY DATES

SEAG Assessment Dates:

- **Saturday 16th November 2024 – Assessment Paper 1**
- **Saturday 23rd November 2024 – Assessment Paper 2**

SEAG Results: Saturday 25th January 2025

Remark: 27/1/25 – 5/2/25

- **Parents, please keep your phone close by on the two Saturday Assessment mornings AND advise the second, emergency contact to do the same.**

- Our Open Day is on **Saturday 18 January 2025** from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.
- If you have any queries regarding entrance criteria, ring me.
- We are a family school, but we do take in new families every year.

Typically more than half of our intake to Year 8 will be from new families.