



# 2025 Entrance Assessment Format (at a glance)

## Overview

- The Entrance Assessment consists of two papers – pupils sit both
- **Paper 1 - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (AM)**
- **Paper 2 - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 (AM)**
- Both papers assess English (or Gaeilge) and Mathematics
- Both papers have an identical format consisting of 3 Sections
- Section 1, the Practice Test, is not timed – only the Main Test is timed
- Pupils may begin their Main Test by starting with English (or Gaeilge) questions or by starting with Maths questions.

## Section 1 – The Practice Test

- 5 English (or Gaeilge) questions
- 5 Maths questions
- Questions designed to help pupils settle before the Main Test begins
- Practice Test not assessed

## Section 2 – The English (or Gaeilge) Main Test

- 28 questions (Q1-Q28)
- **Punctuation Exercise** (5 multiple choice questions)
- **Grammar Exercise** (5 multiple choice questions)
- **Spelling Exercise** (5 multiple choice questions)
- **English (or Gaeilge) Comprehension.**
- Pupils read a passage- answer 13 questions (Q16-Q28)
- Q16-Q22 multiple choice
- Q23-Q28 free response
- *NB Spelling is only assessed in the Spelling Exercise*

## Section 3 – The Maths Main Test

- 28 questions (Q29-Q56)
- Q29-Q50 multiple choice
- Q51-Q56 free response

## Other

- **60 minutes to answer the 56 questions**  
(unless additional time has been approved as an Access Arrangement)
- Each multiple choice question has 5 possible answers
- Answer sheet provided – see practice materials

## Practice Materials *(available free to download)*

- **Practice Papers 1 and 2-** set out the format very clearly
- **Answer Sheets 1 and 2** - double sided with clear spaces for every answer
- **Parents' Guide** - further details of format + answers to every question