

Strathearn School

Transfer Arrangements for pupils seeking entry in September 2011 – a guide for parents.

As in this current year, Strathearn, Bloomfield Collegiate, Campbell College and Sullivan Upper will operate a common approach to Transfer 2011 and all these schools will be using the Common Entrance Assessments (CEA tests) developed by the Association for Quality Education (AQE).

Below is important information in relation to those applying for a Year 8 place in September 2011.

1. Registration Forms are now available from all 34 schools participating in the CEA Tests and on-line from AQE Ltd. Completed forms should be submitted to **AQE Ltd** (not to the School) between 17 May 2010 and 17 September 2010.
2. There will be three one-hour tests scheduled from 10.00am – 11.00am on:
 - a. **Saturday 13 November 2010**
 - b. **Saturday 27 November 2010**
 - c. **Saturday 4 December 2010**Strathearn, Bloomfield and Sullivan Upper schools will be holding a familiarisation morning on **Saturday 6 November** so that candidates have an opportunity to visit the test venue before the tests are taken.
3. Candidates may sit two or three of the tests. The result will be based on the average of the best two scores.
4. Candidates may apply to sit the tests at any of the 34 AQE Ltd member schools. They will be allocated a test venue by AQE Ltd.
5. Wherever the candidate sits the test, the result will be valid for application to attend any of the AQE Ltd member schools i.e. where the test is taken has no bearing on the application to attend a particular school.
6. A fee of £38 will be charged by AQE payable at the time of registration; however, this would be waived if the registration form is accompanied by proof that the child is entitled to free school meals.
7. The test itself is based on English and Mathematics only (no science is included) and is based on the Key Stage 2 curriculum. Therefore, no additional subject knowledge is required other than that normally taught in all Primary Schools as part of the revised curriculum.

8. Each School which operates as a test centre will provide specific and appropriate access arrangements for those candidates that require them.
9. The full specifications for the tests, example questions and additional information are available on the AQE website: www.aqe.org.uk.
10. The results, which are age adjusted, will be given in the form of a standardised mark and will be published at the beginning of February 2011. The application process to apply for a place at a particular school would then follow existing procedures.

Key Dates and Information

- 14 May 2010- AQE forms available from AQE or any of the above schools
- 17 Sept. AQE forms registered
- 6 Nov. Familiarisation morning for above schools
- 13, 27 Nov. 4 Dec. Test dates
- 5 Feb. 2011 publication of results
- 17 Feb. – 17 March re-mark requests
- Feb. – March complete Transfer forms
- 28 May 2011 notification of allocated school

Website addresses

www.aqe.org.uk

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