

Online Entrance Assessments FAQ's

What is the assessment?

The assessment is an online exam, which assesses four subjects:

- Maths
- English
- Non-Verbal Reasoning
- Verbal Reasoning

What is covered in the assessment?

The Maths and English sections are based on the National Curriculum. They assess pupils' ability to recall what they have been taught and apply this knowledge to solve problems. The Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning sections are designed to test pupils' **academic potential**. They assess pupils' ability to solve problems with written or visual information

Subject	Maths	English	Non-Verbal Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning
What is being assessed?	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning	Reading comprehension Spelling Punctuation Grammar	Spatial reasoning Visual reasoning	Vocabulary Pattern-spotting Logic

What is the format of the assessment?

The majority of questions will be multiple-choice, with only a few questions requiring a pupil to type a single word or number. There is no extended typing exercise required, so typing ability will not impact results.

The assessment is adaptive: this means that questions will get harder or easier as the pupil moves through the assessment. This ensures that each question is at the right level of difficulty for each pupil. Please note, this means that pupils will not be able to skip or go back to any questions.

How long is the assessment?

The assessment takes a total of 70 minutes at 7+ and 8+, and 60 minutes at 9+ and 10+. The timings of each subject are:

	7+ and 8+	9+ and 10+
Maths	20 minutes	20 minutes
Non-Verbal Reasoning	15 minutes	10 minutes
English	20 minutes	20 minutes
Verbal Reasoning	15 minutes	10 minutes

During the assessment, pupils will see a timer on their screen showing them how long they have left for each section. It will be visible but not so large as to distract them from their work. Pupils eligible for extra time will be asked to indicate their entitlement at the point of application. Where extra time is approved for a pupil, the additional time will be automatically added to the timer visible on their screen for each section of their assessment.

How to prepare for the assessment

We recommend that all pupils look at the familiarisation materials provided:
<https://app.questassessments.com/public/taster/qeh-bristol>

The assessment will test the knowledge and skills highlighted in the National Curriculum. Pupils will develop these skills as part of their school education, so they will not need any special tuition or intensive practice.

What can my child use during the assessment?

Pupils will be permitted blank scrap paper and a pencil/pen in all subjects for any working out, which will be provided by QEH. Pupils may not use any other additional materials during any stage of the assessment, e.g. dictionaries, thesauruses, calculators, rulers, mobile phones, etc.

Why is the new assessment being introduced?

The new assessment is not only designed to be fun but crucially will measure children's genuine intellectual curiosity, passion and enjoyment for learning. The new assessment aims to go beyond testing cognitive ability by seeking to discover a child's potential in creative thinking, analysis, and problem-solving. We believe this is a fair and holistic assessment process that engages a wide range of learners.