

# **Mock Transfer Tests**

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## Newsletter April 2024

With the start of the Summer Term, it's time for Year 5 parents to register their child to sit the SW Herts Consortium tests and for those considering independent schools they are holding open days to view the schools.

We are often asked "when is the best time to sit a mock test?" ..... the simple answer is as early as possible.

At this time of the year attending a mock test is **less about ability**, it is more about helping children manage the test environment. For most children this will be their first experience of sitting a formal test, working under time pressure, using separate question booklets and answer sheet.

There is no better way than to sit mock tests in a true exam environment, somewhere new to allow students to become familiar with the formality of sitting a test as this will help to reduce their nerves and build their confidence.

We pride ourselves in offering a unique approach to support children. Our team monitor each child and observe how they manage the test environment, this is conducted discreetly and can be fed back to parents at our paper reviews.

To support children who may need or have Special Consideration requirements, we are extending our helping hand by offering additional services providing a smaller room with extra time and specialised staff to meet individual student's needs.

Now is the time for students to start consolidating what they have learnt; this can be done through practise and repetition. In turn this helps students to identify areas to develop and for tutors to address these areas. In addition, students should start to build their test awareness, exam technique, time management skills and learn from their mistakes.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Andrew & Gill

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## SW Herts Year 5 SW Herts Registration Opens 8th April – Closes 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Parents wanting their child to take the SW Herts Consortium Tests, will need to register on the SW Herts website. This includes options for all the tests, Academic (VR & Maths) Music, and Queens Sport tests.

Parents should use the following link and read the "How to register" document which explains the process. <a href="http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/">http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/</a>

**Special Consideration** (extra time, separate room, movement breaks, etc)

If your child currently receives additional support at school, or you feel they may benefit from extra time, separate room, etc, you will need to obtain a letter of support from their school, which needs to be electronically submitted to the SW Herts Consortium. See the bottom of the SW Herts website <a href="https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/">https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/</a>

## **Key dates:**

Registration opens: 8<sup>th</sup> April Registration closes 14<sup>th</sup> June

Academic Test Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Music Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Queens Sports Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

### **Mock Tests**

MTT offer a full range of mock tests, giving students the experience of a test environment. Every year we have parents state, "we wish we had found you sooner".

Tutoring is only part of the process. Putting their knowledge into practise in a real test environment is an important part of preparation for students.

The sooner students attend a Mock Test, the more benefit they receive. It allows us to observe how students manage and cope in the test environment but more importantly it puts tutoring into context, helping students to focus and improve.

#### VR & Maths

We run 10 different mock tests each year from March to the end of August. In our experience 3 is a good number. Our forthcoming test on 27<sup>th</sup> April is the last to be held in a smaller hall before we move to the big exam hall. (Each test paper is different)

All tests are in the GL Assessment multiple choice format giving children a real exam experience and awareness of filling in the answer sheet. Papers are scanned and parents receive detailed reports, showing scores, ranking and test analysis and peer comparisons.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 14.00 – 16.00 – Queens School. Morning sold out.

**Special consideration** –To support children who may need or have Special Consideration requirements, such as a smaller room, extra time, we are offering 3 opportunities for students to experience sitting a Mock Test in the smaller room environment with extra

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time and special considerations taken into account. if parents are unsure if their child requires this service, please contact us to discuss.

**Music Test** 

Unsure if your child has an aptitude for music but want to know if you should register for the music test and keep your options open, then you may wish to book a mock music test.

Unlike the academic test, children need to learn to listen carefully and not be distracted by the environment or others taking the test. Only by sitting a mock test in an exam hall can students gain this valued experience.

Stage 1 is a listening test, (No instrument required) Karen, our qualified music teacher will guide children through the test, offering tips and advice. Children complete 2 tests in each session. Parents receive a personalised report with useful tips on how to improve, scores and feedback.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 12.30 – 13.30 – Queens School

**Pre SW Herts registration offer – 15% off May Music Test – Use Code MAT024** (T's & C's apply, one per child, not transferable, new bookings only, not applicable on existing bookings, not to be used with other offers)

**Queens Sports** 

Does your child play a sport? Attend a local sports club? Are you considering Queens school?

To keep your options open you may wish to book a Queens Sport Awareness session. These sessions allow students to try each of the activities. They are supervised by staff with experience of the actual sports test and students receive a training plan to take away.

Saturday 20th July - 10.00 - 12.00 - Queens School

Book a place

To book a place at any of our events, please visit our secure booking system on the following link. <a href="https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/event-booking-online/">https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/event-booking-online/</a>

10 % discount when you book and pay for 3 or more events at the same time.

**Easter** 

8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April – Queens school – Monday – Thursday 10am – 12.00

We are pleased to offer both: Year 4 classes with Diane & Year 5 with Nathalie.

To help maintain focus over the Easter break, MTT are running a special Easter School at Queens secondary school, covering VR and Maths. This is open to all students, you do not have to be an existing MTT student.

Summer

22<sup>nd</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> August – Queens school – Monday – Friday 10am -12.00

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To support families and students over the summer holidays, we offer a range of classes catering for the Secondary Transfer Test (11+).

For students currently attending MTT Classes, the following is in line with our structured programme allowing students to continue their studies with us.

11+ Classes

MTT summer school offers tutoring classes covering VR and Maths for both Yr. 4 & Yr5. Informal, interactive classes, catering for all abilities. See link for details.

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/summer-school/

11+ Courses

MTT summer courses offer confidence building 2-day (mornings) summer course, giving students the opportunity to refine and improve test techniques. See link for details.

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/summer-courses-vr-maths/

**Revision & Prep** 

MTT Revision and preparation sessions, High energy sessions, aimed at blowing away the summer holiday cobwebs, preparing students for the actual test. See link for details.

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/revision-preparation-sessions/

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