



Mock Transfer Tests

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Dear Parents and Students,

With April quickly approaching, it's crucial for Year 5 parents to register their children for the SW Herts Consortium tests. For those considering independent schools, open days are currently being held for parents to visit and assess their options.

Last week marked National Allocations Day, when last year's students learned which school they had been allocated. We've received wonderful feedback and are delighted with the positive outcomes.

We are frequently asked, **“when is the best time to sit a mock test?”** The simple answer is **“as early as possible”**.

At this stage of the academic year, attending a mock test is not solely about academic ability. Rather, it helps children manage the test environment. For many, this will be their first experience of sitting a formal test, facing time constraints, and working with separate question booklets and answer sheets.

The most effective way to prepare is to participate in mock tests held in a true exam setting. Experiencing a new environment helps students become accustomed to the formality of testing, ultimately reducing nerves and boosting confidence.

We take pride in our unique approach to supporting children. Our team discreetly monitors each child's response to the test environment and can provide feedback to parents during paper reviews.

For children who require or may benefit from Special Consideration, we offer additional services. This includes access to a smaller room, extra time, and specialised staff to support students.

We also support Music and Sports tests, enabling families to explore whether their child has an aptitude for these areas, keeping their options open.

With Easter at the end of this month, we're running four days of Easter school at Queens' School. These sessions help keep children focused, close learning gaps, and offer additional support.

We aim to support the whole family by helping parents understand the 11+ process. Guidance includes registration advice and preparation tips. MTT will be hosting a Free Parents Evening on 25th March at Queens School.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Registration for SW Herts Consortium Tests

Parents wishing to register their child for the SW Herts Consortium Tests this Sept (Yr5) should do so via the SW Herts website. Registration includes options for Academic (VR & Maths), Music, and Queens Sport tests.

For detailed instructions, please refer to the **“How to register”** document on the website:

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Special Consideration

If your child currently receives support at school or may benefit from extra time, a separate room, or movement breaks, you will need a letter of support from their school. This must be submitted electronically to the SW Herts Consortium. More information can be found at: <https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

SW Herts Key Dates

- **Registration opens: 1st April**
- **Registration closes: 5th June**
- **Academic Test: Saturday 5th September**
- **Music Test: Monday 7th September**
- **Queens Sports Test: Wednesday 9th September**

Free Parent Information Evening

To help navigate the 11+ / SW Herts process, MTT is hosting a Free Parents Information Evening at Queens' School. We will explain registration steps, offer advice on supporting and preparing your child, and outline how MTT can assist.

Free Parents Info Evening 25th March 6.30pm – 8.00pm Queens' School

Everyone is welcome, but please book your place in advance to help us manage numbers:

<https://bookwhen.com/mocktransfer>

Mock Test Programme

MTT provides a wide range of mock tests, allowing students to experience the exam environment. Many parents remark, **“we wish we had found you sooner”**.

Tutoring is only part of the journey. Applying their knowledge in a real test environment is essential for effective preparation.

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Students gain greater benefit the earlier they attend a mock test. It enables us to observe their management of the test setting, contextualise tutoring, and help them focus and improve.

VR & Maths Mock Tests

We run ten different mock tests each year from March to August. Our experience suggests that three tests are optimal. The next test on **25th April** is the last to be held in a smaller hall before moving to the larger exam hall. Each test paper is written by MTT and is unique.

All tests use the GL Assessment multiple choice format, providing children with genuine exam experience and familiarity with answer sheets.

Test papers are scanned, and parents receive detailed reports, including scores, rankings, test analysis, and peer comparisons. The next Mocks are:

- **Saturday 14th March - 10am & 13.00 – Full 11+ test**
- **Saturday 25th April - 10am & 13.00 – Full 11+ test**

Support and Special Consideration

To accommodate children with special consideration needs, such as extra time or a smaller room, we offer five opportunities for students to sit a mock test in a more supportive environment. If unsure whether this is suitable for your child, please contact us to discuss. Spaces are limited.

Music Test Preparation (Open to Yr4 & Yr5)

If you're uncertain whether your child has a musical aptitude, consider booking a mock music test. This enables you to keep your options open for when registering for the SW Herts tests.

Unlike academic tests, music tests require children to listen closely and avoid distractions. Sitting a mock test in an exam hall provides valuable experience.

Stage 1 is a listening test (no instrument required). Our qualified music teacher, guides children through the test, offering tips and advice. Each session includes two tests, and parents receive personalised reports with tips, scores, and feedback.

- **Saturday 14th March - 10.00 – 11.00 Mock Music Stage 1**
- **Monday 30th March – 10.00 – 11.30 How to Gain Points Workshop**
- **Saturday 16th May - 13.30 – 14.30 Mock Music Stage 1**

Pre SW Herts registration offer – 10% off if booked before 15th May Music Test Use Code MTTMAT26

(T's & Cs apply, one per child, not transferable, new bookings only, not applicable on existing bookings, not to be used with other offers)

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Sport Test Preparation

If your child plays a sport or attends a local sports club and you are considering Queens School, you may wish to book a Queens Sport Awareness session. These sessions allow students to try out all activities relevant to the test, supervised by experienced staff. Students receive a training plan to take home.

- **Saturday 18th July & Friday 14th August 10.00 – 12.00 – Queens School**

Booking Information

To book a place at any of our events, please visit <https://bookwhen.com/mocktransfer>

Holiday School

To help children maintain focus and address learning gaps, MTT runs holiday classes.

- **Easter: 30th March – 2nd April – Queens School – Monday to Thursday 10am – 12.00**
- **Summer: 27th July – 21st August – Queens School – Monday to Friday 10am – 12.00**

We are pleased to offer classes for both Year 4 and Year 5. The Easter School at Queens Secondary School covers VR and Maths and is open to all students, not just those already enrolled with MTT.

Summer holiday classes are available for all, catering to the Secondary Transfer Test (11+).

MTT offers tutoring in VR and Maths for both Year 4 and Year 5. Classes are informal, interactive, and tailored for all abilities. More details are available here:

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

Summer Focus Sessions and Revision

Summer focus sessions provide a confidence-building two-day morning course, allowing students to refine and improve their test techniques. Find more information here:

<https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/summer-test-practise-focus-sessions-vr-maths/>

Revision and preparation sessions are high-energy, designed to refresh students after the summer holidays and prepare them for the actual test. More details can be found here:

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

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