Mock Transfer Tests

MTT Newsletter November 2026

Welcome to the MTT November Newsletter. We hope you had a restful half-term.

We wanted to write to remind parents that our strapline is, “when a helping hand is all you need” and our motto is to support parents and students throughout the secondary transfer process.

Thank You for Sharing Your Results & Feedback! We want to extend a huge thank you to all our Year 6 families who shared their SW Herts Consortium test results and feedback with us. We understand this information is deeply personal, so we truly appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences.

Hearing how your children got on helps us close the loop, celebrate their hard work, and refine and improve our services for future cohorts.

We are pleased to advise families with children in **Year 4 and Year 5** that our small group tutoring classes are now running, alongside several After School clubs. If you are considering classes to give your child a strong foundation, please let us know! If unsure about choosing small group or one to one tutoring then read our article on **the benefits of small group learning**. Our popular classes fill up quickly, so we encourage early sign-ups.

The new **2027 schedule of events** is now available to book online. Mock tests are open to everyone to attend; you do not need to be an MTT student. It’s never too early to start, but please don’t leave it too late.

We hope this newsletter is useful, please feel free to email any questions.

Regards,

Gill & Andrew
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Thank You Yr6 for Sharing Your Results & Feedback

We want to thank all the parents and students who shared their results and feedback with MTT. Your input allows us to continuously evaluate our curriculum and teaching strategies ensuring we provide the highest quality preparation for the 11+ and secondary transfer process.

All feedback remains completely confidential. If you wish to leave a review then please click on the link.
https://g.page/r/CQnIUBYSL30lEBI/review

The Benefits of Small Group Learning: What the Research Says

Often parents are unsure whether to consider one to one tutoring or group tutoring. At MTT, our primary focus is delivering high-quality learning in small groups (maximum 12 students) led by qualified teachers and supported by Teaching Assistants. While one-to-one tutoring is popular, research consistently demonstrates that **small group tuition offers unique learning benefits** that one-to-one settings cannot match:

1. **High Impact on Progress:**

   According to extensive research by the *Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)*, small group tuition is effective, producing on average **+4 months' additional progress** over the course of an academic year. EEF evidence highlights that small groups foster active discussions where children explain their thinking to peers, reinforcing their own understanding.

2. **Peer Collaboration & Discussion (Vygotsky's Social Constructivism):**

   Educational psychology emphasizes that children learn best through social interaction and collaborative problem-solving. In a small group, students encounter diverse approach methods to VR and Maths questions, expanding their reasoning strategies beyond a single adult's perspective.

3. **Healthy Motivation & Confidence Building:**

   One-to-one tutoring can sometimes create intense pressure or over-reliance on the tutor. In a small group setting, children realize they are not alone in finding topics challenging. Friendly peer interaction reduces anxiety, builds resilience, and boosts confidence ahead of real exam conditions.

4. **Exam Environment Simulation:**

   Secondary transfer tests take place in exam halls alongside other students. Small group classes teach children to concentrate, manage time, and work independently in a structured group environment, making the actual test day feel familiar and comfortable.

TUTORING

We are pleased to confirm both Yr4 and Yr5 classes are available if parents are considering tutoring. We offer small group lessons, (max 12 students) and online one to one lessons. Classes are conducted by qualified teachers, supported by a TA, they follow a proven structured programme of study, covering verbal reasoning and maths.

Year 4 Classes

MTT Hall, Chalk Hill (Standard 1 hour class)

For those with children in Year 4 wishing to start tutoring, we have two classes available.

- **Wednesday 4.45pm – 5.45pm**
- **Thursday 4.00pm – 5.00pm**

By attending the Year 4 classes, students are exposed to the format, content and formality of being tutored, offering good foundations for Year 5.

Year 5 Classes

MTT Hall, Chalk Hill - (Standard 1 hour class)

For those with children in Year 5 wishing to join a class, we have the following options:

- **Tuesday 4.45pm – 5.45pm**
- **Thursday 5.15pm – 6.15pm**

We are pleased to announce that Queens School have agreed for us run classes (and holiday school) in their new state of the art English block, offering the latest technology and facilities.

Year 5 Accelerated Class

Tuesday 5:00pm – 6.30 pm – Queens School South Side (one and half hour class)

Accelerated Learning classes are aimed at students who show a higher-than-average aptitude for both VR & Maths. This class will work at a higher level and at a greater pace.

Year 5 Extended Class

Wednesday 5pm – 6.30 pm – Queens School South Side (one and half hour class)

This class is aimed at students wishing to have a longer session whilst following the same standard programme of study. The hour and a half session covers both VR and Maths allowing time for more consolidation and embedding techniques taught.

Trial Lessons

We understand the importance of selecting the right tutor. Personal chemistry and approach are key to successful learning.

We are happy to offer a trial lesson for students to experience the class and parents gauge if it is the right class for their child. MTT tutors will talk to parents at the end of the class to give feedback.

There is a cost for trial class, but without commitment to the term.

If you are interested, please register and let us know which class you wish to try.

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/tutoring-services/

Subscription Services

To help manage the process and spread the cost, MTT introduced its Subscription Service. Building on the services and flexible approach MTT have already established, our aim is to enhance our services giving parents the peace of mind that the year ahead is planned and budgeted for with a lower fixed monthly fee. https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/subscription-services/

Already subscribing – The MTT team will book your events for you and a booking confirmation will be sent.

Events for 2027

Our new schedule of events for 2027 has been released and now available on our website. These include:

- Mock Transfer Tests - VR & Maths
- Mock Music Tests – SW Herts Stage 1, Music workshops.
- Queens Sports Test Awareness & Coaching session
- Workshops, Easter School, Summer School, Summer focus sessions, Revision & Preparation and more.

To start the programme, we offer test awareness sessions in all areas over February Half term at Queens' school. See our website for details and to book a place: https://bookwhen.com/mocktransfer

Special Consideration Support

MTT prides itself in being inclusive. We extended our Helping Hand to offer Special Consideration support, with smaller rooms, extra time, to help those students who need additional support. Please see our website for details or get in touch with us.

Planning Your Year

Planning the year to help support and prepare your child for the Secondary Transfer tests (11+) can be daunting. Too little, will they be ready? Too much will they burn out and peak too soon? ***Our Planning Your Year*** page aims to help parents. https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/planning-your-year/

We hope you found this newsletter useful; we look forward to seeing you soon.

Andrew, Gill and the MTT Team

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