



MTT August Newsletter

Dear parents and students,

Welcome to the August Newsletter. We hope you find this news and information useful.

As you will now know, the SW Herts Consortium notified parents that the Consortium tests will now be moved to late Oct / early Nov.

We are currently reviewing our schedule and will be adding more dates to ensure we support students in their preparation. For those with existing bookings, you will be able to continue with the existing booking or transfer to a new date once they are confirmed.

Back to school - In the meantime, we are still running our Summer School and Summer Courses as these are proving to be very beneficial, both to support preparation for the 11+ tests, but equally important, offering the opportunity for children to be re-introduced into a classroom environment.

Year 5 Maths - Following the success of the Year 5 Maths catch up classes at the start of the holiday, we are now running new classes to help children prepare for the Autumn term. These classes support Year 5/6 maths, they are not specific to the 11+ tests and open to all year 5 children.

Mock Tests - Our scheduled [August Mock VR, Maths & Music tests](#), will continue as planned, however in addition, we are proposing 2 or 3 new Mock VR & Maths & Music Tests in September/ October.

Revision & Preparation - Once the Consortium confirm the date of the test, we will be able to reschedule these sessions.

Please be assured, we will continue to support you and your child through this process and will keep parents informed as more details are known from the Consortium with regards to firm dates.

This year has been a continuous challenge for us all. For us as a small business we have had to quickly take on board the need to adapt so as to continue to fulfil our mantra *“when a helping hand is all you need”* and help support you and your children. We would like to thank you for your continued support, and we hope that you and your families stay safe and well and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Andrew & Gill
Mock Transfer Tests

Summer Events

To ensure the safety of students, parents and staff, there are strict safety measures in place. We ask that parent follow the guidelines we provide with your booking confirmation.

Music Workshop – How to gain points in Stage 1 + Stage 2 interview preparation –limited spaces
Queens’ School – Wednesday 12th August – 10.00 – 11.30

To support students taking the SW Herts Music Exam, this workshop aims to help students gain a better awareness of each section, learn techniques to gain extra points, plus a new feature for Stage 2 - Interview preparation.

Sports Awareness – Now taking place outdoors.

Queens' School – Monday 17th August – 10.30 – 12.30

Due to COVID, we have not been able to run these events. However, we are pleased to announce we are able to run this event outdoors, at Queens' School (weather permitting).

For those considering Queens as a school and have registered to take the Sports Test, our Sports Awareness sessions help to explain each of the activities, children can try each task and gain feedback from our sports leaders.

These sessions have proven to be highly successful; we are proud to say we have supported at least 6 students gain a place via Sports. This is an extremely competitive test with over 580 students competing for 13 places.

KS2 Year 5 Maths Catch Up – 4 days only, limited spaces.

Queens School – Monday 24th August – Thursday 27th August – 09.30 – 10.30 or 11.00 – 12.00

Following the success of our earlier Catch up Maths week we have been asked to run another course. Conducted by the Head of Maths from a local Independent school, this 4-day course will cover the main areas of maths to help prepare children ready for back to school in September.

This is not specific to the SW Herts or other 11+ tests. This is OPEN TO ALL children going into Year 6 in Sept.

Summer School Extended – Year 4 & 5

Queens' School – Monday – Friday - 20th July – 27th August – 10.00 – 12.00

With the change of SW Herts Test date, we have now extended our Summer School to include the last week of the school holidays. (24th – 27th Aug)

Aimed at maintaining and improving children's awareness and ability over the summer break, the lessons cover both VR and Maths.

All students welcome, our qualified teacher supported by a TA, uses a range of material to cater for students of all levels.

Summer Courses VR & Maths – few spaces available for remaining courses.

Queens' School – Monday & Tuesdays 10th & 11th August (Maths) – 17th & 18th August (VR) – 10.00 – 12.00

These 2-day summer courses give students the opportunity to refine and improve test techniques with a focus on a specific subject.

Students will be taught techniques to put into practice by sitting practice papers, which they will then mark and gain instant feedback with clarification on any errors made.

Mock Tests

Following the success of the first Live mock test on the 11th July. All remaining mock tests covering VR & Maths and Music will now take place at Queens school.

Please keep checking our website for details of when new extra dates are released. There are limited spaces, so please book early as we cannot add extra places in these sessions.

Revision & Preparation – rescheduled

Following the announcement by SW Herts Consortium to move the test date we are rescheduling these popular sessions. These bespoke sessions, cover the common errors made by the current cohort, based on results we have compiled from this year's mock test events.

Each session is different and aimed at fully preparing your child for the actual secondary transfer tests. Please be assured that if you have already booked we will transfer your booking to the new scheduled dates.

Please keep checking our website for details of when rescheduled dates are released. There are limited spaces, so please book early as we cannot add extra places in these sessions.

Booking Options

We appreciate parents may wish to review their bookings. The options available are continue with the booked event, transfer the booking to a new date, (free of charge) or cancel the booking.

Parents are asked to send their request in email stating their preferred option, quoting their name, booking reference and selected dates.

To ensure requests are actioned we can only accept emails, other forms of requests, SMS, Messenger, etc will not be completed.