



Transfer 2023. Information for Primary 6 Parents



1. Strabane Academy Transfer 2023



Common Approach:

- A. 34 grammar schools using the AQE Common Entrance Assessment (CEA)
- B. Similar admission criteria for other Grammar Schools
- C. Result of the Assessment - 1st Criterion for Academic based entry

Our A level students again excelled with 86% achieving 3 or more at A*-C grades. The majority of our leavers gained access to their chosen university courses. (See Prospectus)

We are also delighted in terms of our GCSE results. 97% of our pupils obtained 5 or more GCSE's at A* - C and 84% of all pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths.

Within our Dennett Pathway; 97% of all pupils achieved 7 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths.



2. AQE Common Entrance Assessment



- A. AQE -company formed to produce a test based on current NI curriculum
- B. The company (not the schools) will:
 - A. administer the application process
 - B. set 3 papers –1 hour 10 minutes each
 - C. mark the assessments
 - D. give out the results

3. Assessment Process



- A. 3 papers –1 hour each
- B. Pupils sit any 2 or all 3 papers
- C. Sit in a grammar school 10.00 – 11.00am Saturday morning
 - 19 November 2022
 - 26 November 2022
 - 3 December 2022

3. Assessment Process



Format of CEA:

- A. 8 mathematics items
- B. Poem 1 with 7 comprehension items
- C. 8 mathematics items
- D. Basic English skills passage
- E. 8 mathematics items
- F. Poem 2 with 7 comprehension items
- G. 8 mathematics items.
- H. Prose passage with 7 comprehension items.

3. Assessment Process



CEA takes account of Revised KS2 Curriculum for English and Mathematics (no Science)

Practice papers and answers are available to order on the AQE website (www.aqe.org.uk)

3. Assessment Process



The Assessments:

- A. Held in each of the 34 participating Grammar Schools
- B. Register with AQE for preferred centre -centre allocated by AQE
- C. Preferred centre likely to be most convenient – independent of school to which pupil may wish to transfer
- D. Familiarisation morning–details after registration – Saturday 22 October

3. Assessment Process



The Assessments in Strabane Academy will take place in Alexander Hall.

- A. Invigilation team from Strabane Academy
- B. Familiarisation morning for pupils (Saturday 22 October 2022)
 - to see the hall
 - meet invigilators
 - be briefed on conduct of assessment

3. Assessment Process



Procedures similar to all other external examinations like GCSE and 'A' Level.

Marking:

- A. Each paper marked twice by different markers
- B. Then checked by a third marker
- C. Marking takes place in two centres in presence of chief examiners
- D. Opportunity to apply for a remark

4. Access Arrangements



1. Access Arrangements (see notes)

- A. Specific learning difficulties: 25% extra time
- B. Visual impairment: enlarged question booklet
- C. First language different: bilingual dictionary
- D. Test papers also available in Irish

4. Access Arrangements



- A. Disability (on application form)
- B. Access form will be sent following completion of Registration form (Section B)
- C. Decision made by an Access Panel
- D. The decision is then sent to the parents
- E. Then the decision is sent to the school
- F. Appropriate arrangements are made

5. Special Consideration



Based on the Joint Council for Applications (JCQ) as used in GCSE and A level examinations

- A. 5% e.g. extra marks for exceptional circumstances (terminal illness, recent death)
- B. 3% e.g. extra marks for a recent domestic crisis.
- C. 1% e.g. extra marks for incident like a minor accident on the day

5. Special Consideration



- A. After final CEA, parents will be informed about how to apply
- B. Regulations, as on the website, will be applied
- C. AQE Ltd would not inform parents unless requested
- D. A standardised score will be issued

6. Registration Process



Registering to sit the AQE CEA:

- A. From 4 May 2022 , application forms available from AQE website and from participating schools
- B. Forms also sent to Primary Schools
- C. Completed forms returned to AQE no later than Friday 23 September 2022
- D. Fee £60 although free if entitled to FSM

6. Registration Process



Registration Form asks you to:

- A. Nominate your preference of 3 test centres (no bearing on Transfer)
- B. Identify any special access arrangements
- C. Submit 3 passport photographs
- D. If applicable, provide evidence of entitlement to Free School Meals

7. Transfer Process 2023



Based on current process:

- A. Interview with Primary Principal February 2023
- B. Complete an online transfer form nominating schools in order of preference (Attach CEA result)
- C. Forms submitted online by parents.
- D. Schools receive first preference forms etc.
- E. Parents informed of allocated school by end of May 2023

8. Key Dates and Information



- A. 4 May - AQE forms available
- B. 23 September - last date for AQE registration
- C. 22 October - Familiarisation morning
- D. 19, 26 of November and 3 December - Assessment dates
- E. December 2022 - January 2023, visit schools
- F. 4 February 2023 - publication of results
- G. February/March 2023 - complete Transfer forms
- H. End of May 2023 - notification of allocated school