

Quest Assessments Familiarisation Guide

Welcome to the Quest Assessments Familiarisation Guide!

Your 11+ assessment is known as a Quest Assessment. This assessment has been designed to see what you can do, how you think, and figure out if the school is the right fit for you. It's about doing your best!

The assessment is designed to be challenging, so don't worry if you're finding the questions hard. They're not trying to trick you!

To help you feel confident about the assessment day, we've built this Familiarisation Guide. In here you'll find:

- Information about what to expect on the day, and how to fill in your answer sheet
- Top tips on how to build confidence and prepare for your assessment
- Some sample questions for English and maths so you know what the questions will look like

For parents: We recommend that you print this guide and go through it with your child.

Information about the assessment

What shall I bring on the day?



- An eraser
- A clear plastic bottle of water
 - A nut-free snack
 - Any medication you might need to take on the day

You cannot take anything else into the assessment, including mobile phones, calculators, scrap paper, protractors, or smart watches (analogue watches only).

Spare pencils and erasers will be available if you need them.

How will I know what to do?

An adult in the room (known as the invigilator) will read you instructions before, during, and after the assessment.

Listen to their instructions carefully. If you can't hear them or need to ask a question, put up your hand. The invigilator will come and help you.

You will be given a question booklet and answer sheet for each subject.

Remember, once the assessment begins, you cannot talk to any other students taking the assessment or try to communicate with them. Just focus on the assessment in front of you.

How do I fill in my answer sheet?

All of the questions in your assessment will be multiple choice. Some questions might have more than one correct answer. Make sure to read the question carefully, as it might tell you if you need to choose more than one answer.

You can select your answer to each question by drawing a line clearly through the option you want to select. You can select from five options: A, B, C, D and E.

This is how you should select an answer:

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А	-
В	
С	
D	
E	

A horizontal line like this is the only way to mark your chosen answer.

- Do not shade in the whole rectangle
- Do not tick the box
- **Do not** put a cross through the box

This is an example of what your answer sheet will look like:



Always double-check that the question number on the answer booklet is the same as the one in your question booklet!

Only your answer sheets will be collected and marked. Don't write your answers in the question booklet, as the examiner won't see these.

What should I do if I want to change my answer?

If you need to change your answer, use an eraser to rub out your selected answer, and put a clear line through your new answer choice.

Should I try and answer all the questions?

Yes! You will not lose any marks if you get a question wrong, so try to answer all the questions in your assessment.

Try not to spend too long on each question. If you're not sure of the answer, try your best and choose the option you think is most likely, then move on to the next question. If you have any time left at the end of the assessment, you can always go back and have another go. You can rub your answer out and choose a new one.

These assessments are meant to be difficult. Don't worry if you can't answer all of them or you don't have time to check your answers. The most important thing is just to do your best!

Where can I do my working out?

You can use the question booklet to do any working out – it won't be marked! Just make sure to mark your answers clearly on your answer sheet.

Quest top tips!

A few weeks before the exam:



Practise little and often

Do short bursts of learning every day instead of cramming. Focus on areas where you need the most improvement.



Get used to timed questions

Practice answering questions under time pressure to get a feel for the pace you'll need.



Work on topics you find tricky

If you struggle with a certain type of question, spend extra time improving those skills.



Read, read, read!

Reading books, newspapers, and articles will improve your vocabulary and comprehension skills.



Stay balanced

Make sure you keep a balance of learning and fun in your schedule.

The night before the exam:



Get everything ready

Pack anything you need so you have a calm morning!



Relax! Avoid last-minute cramming. Instead, do something enjoyable like reading or listening to music.



Go to bed early A good night's sleep will help you stay focused and alert.

On the day of the exam:



Eat a healthy breakfast

Fuel your brain with a good meal, but avoid anything too sugary that could make you feel sluggish later.



Stay calm and focused

Take deep breaths if you feel nervous. Remind yourself that you've prepared well.



Read questions carefully

Make sure you understand what's being asked before answering.



Check your work

If you have time left at the end, go back and check your answers (especially the ones you found tricky!). Most importantly – believe in yourself and do your best!