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Guidance for Parents

What is the Quest assessment?

The assessment is an online exam which assesses four subjects:

- Maths
- English
- Non-Verbal Reasoning
- Verbal Reasoning
- Puzzles and Problem Solving

What is covered in the Quest assessment?

The Maths and English sections are based on the **National Curriculum**. They assess pupils' ability to **recall** what they have been taught and **apply** this knowledge to solve problems.

The Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning sections are designed to test pupils' academic potential. They assess pupils' ability to solve problems with written or visual information.

The **Puzzles and Problem-Solving** section encourages your child to think deeply about a scenario and apply mathematical techniques to solve a problem.

How long is the assessment?

The assessment takes a total of 75 minutes. The timings for each subject are:

	Maths	**English**	**Non-Verbal Reasoning**	**Verbal Reasoning**	**Puzzle and Problem Solving**
What is being assessed?	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning	Reading comprehension Spelling Punctuation Grammar	Spatial reasoning Visual reasoning	Vocabulary Pattern-spotting Logic	Multi-step problem solving Logical reasoning
Timing	20 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

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During the assessment, pupils will see a **timer** on their screen showing them how long they have left for each section. It will be visible but not so large as to distract them from their work.

Pupils eligible for **extra time** will be asked to indicate their entitlement at the point of application. Where extra time is approved for a pupil, the additional time will be automatically added to the timer visible on their screen for each section of their assessment.

What is the format of the assessment?

All questions will be multiple choice. There is no typing required.

The Maths, Non-Verbal, Verbal and English tests are adaptive: this means that questions will get harder or easier as the pupil moves through the assessment. This ensures that each question is at the right level of difficulty for each pupil. Please note that this means pupils will not be able to skip or go back to any questions.

The Puzzles and Problem-Solving section is non-adaptive. This means that all students will see the same questions, although some will progress further through the questions than others.

How to prepare for the assessment?

We recommend that all pupils look at the familiarisation materials provided:
https://app.questassessments.com/public/taster/fore

The assessment will test the knowledge and skills highlighted in the **National Curriculum**. Pupils will develop these skills as part of their school education, so they will not need any special tuition or intensive practice.

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FAQs

What device can be used for the assessment?

The assessment can be taken on many different types of devices, including iPads, PCs, laptops, tablets, and Chromebooks.

What can my child use during the assessment?

Pupils will be permitted blank scrap paper and a pencil/pen in all subjects for any working out. Pupils may not use any other additional materials during any stage of the assessment, eg. dictionaries, thesauruses, calculators, rulers, mobile phones, etc.

My child is an overseas applicant. Where will they take the assessment?

Your child is welcome to travel to sit the assessment at our school. If you would prefer your child to sit the assessment overseas, please contact our Admissions team to find out how to proceed. Pupils who are living overseas may take the assessment under exam conditions at their current school or at a test centre.

What are the other parts of the assessment?

Candidates will also complete a written assessment which will allow them to show their imagination, accuracy and accomplishment of the English language. They also take part in a collaborative task with a small group of candidates where they will work together to complete a practical challenge.