



# AQE Information

September 2020



## Common Entrance Assessment (CEA)

- 34 grammar schools use the AQE Ltd test (CEA).
- Based on the Key Stage 2 curriculum.
- English & Maths.
- Three 1 hour papers (best two count).
- Test dates: 9<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> January & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021
- Taken in one of the 34 AQE schools – not necessarily the one to which application will be made.
- Charge - £55 (but fee waived if child entitled to FSM).



## Timetable

- **Registration 14<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**
- Online Application forms available from AQE website ( [www.aqe.org.uk/registration-2020/](http://www.aqe.org.uk/registration-2020/) ) – ***NB. parents must apply for their child to sit the tests. They will not be registered by their primary schools.***



## Timetable

- AQE processes application forms, confirms test centre and sends out candidate examination number.
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December (tbc) – Familiarisation day for applicants.
- Tests – 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.
- Marking & collating of tests by AQE.



## Timetable

- The Board of Governors of each school determines the admissions criteria and it will be published prior to Christmas 2020.
- Results (Age-Standardised scores) sent to parents & to schools (to arrive on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021).



## Access Arrangements

- Parents wishing to apply for Access Arrangements must complete a second form (ACC 20 – form and guidance notes available from the AQE website – [www.aqe.org.uk/access-arrangements-2020/](http://www.aqe.org.uk/access-arrangements-2020/) - and return it to the AQE office.
- An AQE Access Panel will meet to make decisions on all applications for access arrangements.
- Examples of arrangements that may be made include:
  - extra time
  - enlarged test booklet
  - bi-lingual dictionary
  - specific test venue.



## Special Circumstances

- Any parent who feels that their son/daughter under-achieved due to circumstances beyond his or her control may make a claim.
- Form SC20 obtained from the AQE office, AQE website or any AQE school after the assessment.
- Completed Form SC20 and any accompanying evidence should be brought to the Transfer interview with the Primary Principal and attached to the back of the Transfer Form.
- Each school will consider claims and decide on the validity of each case.



## Other considerations

- Statemented pupils – do not have to sit the CEA. They will continue to be assessed by the Education Authority.
- Pupils who miss all the CEAs – application made to schools under Special Provisions.
- Pupils arriving in NI post CEAs - application made to schools under Special Provisions.
- Irish language version of the CEA will be available.