

WHY FSCE?

FSCE's main goal is to make Grammar School testing more **accessible for all children**: regardless of primary school, socio-economic background and/or disability. The FSCE Entrance Test is a modern and inclusive entrance test developed and reviewed in collaboration with experienced educators. It is designed to assess a child's academic ability in the most holistic manner permissible, rather than just through rote learning. The Test is designed to ensure all children have an equal opportunity to succeed and showcase their academic ability.

In focussing solely on areas of the **KS2 National Curriculum** that have been taught up to the end of Year 5, **the Test aims to remove any need for tutoring**. Instead, it emphasises the excellent work that children do at primary school and explores a child's innate ability, curiosity and problem-solving skills. This move away from tutoring is essential in ensuring that we select children who will be best placed to thrive in our challenging and enriching school environment.

THE FSCE TEST

- The Test assesses knowledge and skills from KS2 subjects taught up to and including the Year 5 programme of study.
- There is nothing in the Test that should surprise, trouble or intimidate candidates.
- **Subjects assessed may include: Art & Design, Languages, Computing, Mathematics, Design & Technology, Music, English, Physical Education, Geography, Science and History.**
- **The Test also evaluates imaginative flair through Creativity, defined as the ability to think of new and imaginative ideas or solve problems in original and unique ways.**
- The Test includes multiple-choice and written-response questions.
- Further information and sample questions are available in the Familiarisation Guide.
- Test content changes every year; therefore the Familiarisation Guide is not definitive, and the presence of any question types does not guarantee they will appear in the actual test.
- All papers, except the Creativity Task, are computer marked and age standardised.
- Students achieving an eligible score in all computer marked elements will have their Creativity task assessed.