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Banbridge Academy

Transfer 2020 Information Evening





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PROGRAMME

- Transfer Procedure
- Common Entrance Assessment
- Registration Arrangements
- Key Dates
- Admissions Criteria
- Further Information





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Roles in the Process

Role of Department of Education

- To determine Admissions Arrangements
- To communicate details to schools
- To set Admissions and Enrolment numbers

Role of Education Authority

- To administer the process via Pupil & Parent Unit
- Application Timeframe
- Issue of Parents' Guide
- Green Transfer Form
- Statements of SEN





Roles in the Process

Role of Primary Schools

- Assist parents with the procedure
- Assist completion of the Transfer Form
- Return Transfer Forms to Education Authority
- Support with Claims for Special Circumstances

Role of Boards of Governors (Post-Primary)

- Statutory Admissions Authority
- Draw up & publish Admissions Criteria
- Apply Admissions Criteria
- Fill all places





Overview

- No Department of Education Transfer Test
- Unregulated admissions system
 - Schools set own Entrance Tests
- Association for Quality Education (AQE)
- Common Entrance Assessment (CEA)





Common Entrance Assessment

- Administered by AQE
- Takes account of KS2 Revised Curriculum for English & Mathematics. Science is not included
 - Specification available on the AQE website
- Coaching not required but old Transfer Test papers (without the Science) and past AQE papers (available on the AQE website) can serve as practice papers





Common Entrance Assessment

- 3 x1 hour papers
- Best two papers count
- First Assessment : 9 November 2019
Second Assessment : 23 November 2019
Third Assessment: 30 November 2019





Common Entrance Assessment

- Papers designed in consultation with teaching professionals at primary level
- Charge £50.00
 - Waived for those on Free School Meals
- Equal marks allocated to Maths & English
- No Science items





Taking the Test

- Tests held in Grammar Schools
- Not Primary Schools
- Nominate preference when registering
- Informed in advance of venue
- No bearing on eventual Post-Primary school
- Familiarisation visit(s) arranged in October





Marking

- Each paper marked three times
- By different markers
- Quality Assured
- Opportunity to apply for re-mark





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Results

- Best 2 out of 3 forms the final result
- Age standardised scores (as in Transfer Test)
- Issued to arrive on Saturday 25 January 2020





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Registration Arrangements

- Registration Forms from AQE office, Banbridge Academy or AQE website
- Choice of Test Centre
 - NO bearing on application for a place but Test Centres allocated on a first come first served basis
- Detailed notes accompany Registration Form





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Registration Arrangements

- **Form returned to AQE office**
- No later than 6 September 2019
- Photocopy of Birth Certificate
- 2 Passport Photographs
- Cheque/Postal order/Banker's Draft for £50.00
- Letter from EA confirming FSME (if applicable)





Application for Access Arrangements

- Section B on application form
- Application Form for Access Arrangements
- **Parental responsibility to return to AQE by deadline**
- Decision made by a panel of assessors
- Decision sent to parents
- Decision sent to Test Centre
- Appropriate arrangements made





Registration

- Receive a laminated Admission Card
- Details of School Test Centre
- Information about the Test
- Participating Schools receive details of assessment applications





Taking the Test in Banbridge Academy

- Accommodation in classrooms
- Pupils with others from same Primary School
- Invigilators will follow common AQE procedures (adapted from JCQ)
- Instructions clearly announced
- Time elapsed announced





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January / February

- Results Issued: 25 January 2020
- Application for re-marks
- Meetings with Primary Principals
- Transfer Forms completed
 - Including details of Special Circumstances/Special Provisions
- Transfer Forms sent to Education Authority





March-May

- Transfer Forms processed
- Post-Primary schools receive forms
- Schools apply Admissions Criteria
- Decisions are made
- Parents informed of allocated schools
- Appeals process opens





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- Unregulated system not our preferred option
- The current position is not of our choosing
- We would prefer a test run and administered by DE
- The Board of Governors will continue to have regard to the DE's Guidance





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Entry to Banbridge Academy

- Result of the **AQE** test will be the first criterion
- To improve the chances of your son/daughter gaining entry to Banbridge Academy in September 2020 he/she **must** sit the AQE test





Admissions Criteria Transfer 2020

Applied by Board of Governors' Education Committee

1. Rank order of AQE scores
2. Admissions Number 184
3. If number of applicants exceeds the places:
 - (i) Sibling & Eldest
 - (ii) Primary School within former BDC
 - (iii) Primary School outside former BDC
4. Tie Breaker: Random

Further details available from the Principal





Scores Admitted

- Don't make assumptions about scores
- No cut off score
- Rank order
- 184 Places





	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Admissions No.	184	184	184	184	184
Applicants	227	249	243	211	231
Upper Score	125	129	124	127	128
Lower Score	99	102	102	99	101



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Further Information

www.aqe.org.uk

www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk

www.deni.gov.uk





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Finally

- Thank you for attending this evening
- We wish you well for the future
- Any questions? Please speak to me





Our Vision & Commitment

*Our central aim is for everyone to be happy at school,
known personally and cared for individually.*

Excellence in a caring and supportive environment,
enabling all pupils to realise their full potential and
become tolerant and confident adults.

academically

personally

socially

physically

spiritually

