

## Guidance for Parents and Head Teachers (Year 7 Entry)

St Gabriel's Senior School entrance examinations assess both current levels of achievement and, most importantly, a child's potential. Consequently, past papers are not published.

### English (reading paper: 45 minutes & writing paper: 30 minutes)

Reading paper: Candidates are given 10 minutes to read a fiction extract and then have 35 minutes to answer questions on it, with a focus on comprehension and inference. The writing paper involves a piece of imaginative writing. Candidates are expected to structure their ideas clearly, use punctuation and paragraphs accurately and employ a wide and varied vocabulary. Writing should be creative and engaging.

### Mathematics (non-calculator paper: 60 minutes)

Content will not include anything outside the Key Stage 2 Mathematics programme of study.

### Verbal Reasoning (50 minutes)

Verbal reasoning tests provide an assessment of an individual's ability to think, reason and solve problems in different ways. Candidates will receive 10 minutes of prior instruction on how to approach the paper.

GL Assessment 11+ Verbal Reasoning practice papers are available through [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk).

### Learning Difficulties and Extra Time

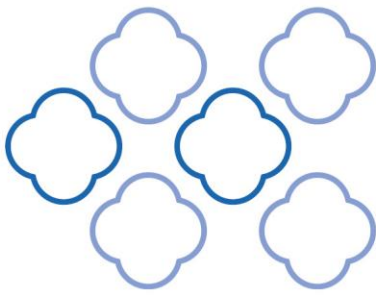
Parents should inform the school prior to the examination day of any learning difficulty that might affect their child's performance and provide documentation to support this.

Extra time is allowed in the entrance examinations for students with a learning difficulty who have evidence within a professional assessor report. Other access arrangements may be considered with a detailed history of this being the student's normal way of working and providing the necessary evidence within a professional assessor report.

### Interviews

All candidates will be interviewed by Mr Ricki Smith, Principal, Mrs Angela Chapman, Vice-Principal or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will take place remotely on Teams between Monday, 30 October, and Friday, 10 November. They will be scheduled between 4.00pm – 6.00pm.

Interview appointment times and information on accessing Teams will be sent out following Candidates' Day.



## Guidance for Head Teachers and Parents (Year 9 Entry)

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### **English (Reading Paper: 60 minutes & Writing Paper: 30 minutes)**

For the reading paper, candidates are given 10 minutes to read an article and then have 50 minutes to answer questions on it. The writing section will require candidates to write in a particular genre, which will be either writing to describe, inform or persuade.

### **Mathematics (Non-Calculator Paper: 60 minutes)**

Content will not include anything outside the normal Key Stage 3 Mathematics programme of study. The paper given will be Level 5 – 7 and candidates will be expected to reach Level 6.

### **Science (Calculator Paper: 60 minutes)**

This paper is based on Key Stage 3 Science (a mixture of Biology, Chemistry and Physics). The paper will test the candidate's knowledge as well as their ability to analyse data and draw conclusions.

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