

ISEB COMMON PRE-TEST NOTES FOR PARENTS OF LATE APPLICANTS



2023 ENTRY

GENERAL

The ISEB Common Pre-Test (ISEB CPT) is a standardised, age-adaptive measure of ability and attainment. An applicant is not disadvantaged by taking the test earlier relative to others or being young for his year group.

We will register your son with the ISEB, and the tests are available to be taken from 1 October 2021 until 1 June 2022.

A boy applying to multiple schools that use the ISEB CPT may only sit the test once per academic year. His results will be shared with all schools with which he is registered. If he sits the test more than once, his first results will prevail.

The test takes the form of an online assessment, consisting of multiple-choice questions in the following English (25 minutes), Mathematics (50 minutes), Verbal Reasoning (36 minutes) and Non-Verbal Reasoning (32 minutes), totaling approximately 2.5 hours.

Individual subjects may be sat in any order and more than one subject sat in a session. However, applicants must complete an entire subject in one sitting.

Examples and practice questions are provided during the testing period so that applicants understand what is required of them.

The tests are provided by GL Assessment and a demonstration is available [here](#).

11+ practice papers commonly available in bookshops and websites such as 'Planet Bofa', 'Atom Learning', 'Education Quizzes', 'A Testing Time' and 'Question Mix' offer similar examples.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

If your son has a special educational need and/or a disability (SEND), and thus requires special examination access arrangements such as extra time or rest breaks, his school must inform us of this and complete the necessary forms.

This declaration must be substantiated by a report dated within three years of the assessment date, written and authenticated by an educational or clinical psychologist.

We follow the Joint Council for Qualifications' (JCQ) guidance in considering boys' eligibility for access arrangements.

If you have any questions about this process or your son's specific case, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

APPLICANTS AT UK PREP SCHOOLS

You should inform your son's current school that he is applying for entry to Harrow and therefore needs to sit the ISEB CPT. Most UK prep schools will be familiar with this test and will be happy to administer it on their premises.

APPLICANTS AT OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE UK

If your son's school does not routinely administer the ISEB CPT, please request this from the Head.

The school will need to provide a suitable room with a computer and internet access, and an administrator to set up and supervise the test.

Once a venue and date have been agreed, please [email us](#) with the details (specifically, a contact name and email address at the venue), so that we can provide the administrator with the relevant login details and test information.

APPLICANTS AT SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE UK

If your son's school is outside the UK and does not routinely administer the ISEB CPT, please request this from the Head.

The school will need to provide a suitable room with a computer and internet access, and an administrator to set up and supervise the test.

Once a venue and date have been agreed, please [email us](#) with the details (specifically, a contact name and email address at the venue), so that we can provide the administrator with the relevant login details and test information.

If your son's school is unable to administer the test, please seek an appropriate alternative in another educational establishment or British Council office.

AFTER THE ISEB COMMON PRE-TEST

Once your son has completed all parts of the ISEB CPT, our Admissions Office will access your son's results and consider them in conjunction with the confidential reference we have requested from his school.

Only extremely strong candidates in terms of ISEB CPT score and/or extra-curricular talent will be invited to sit the Harrow Test. A high ISEB CPT score on its own does not guarantee being invited to the Harrow Test.

Applicants who we consider to be not as strong as those already on the waiting list will be deselected at this stage and not invited to sit the Harrow Test.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).