

Welcome to Methodist College - SEAG Entrance Assessment 2026 Familiarisation

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Welcome to P7 Pupils and Parents

- Presentation
- Meet Invigilator(s)
- Visit your allocated hall/room
- See the location of the toilets
- Opportunity to clarify concerns with a member of staff

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SEAG Arrangements

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Saturday 14th and 21st November 2026

- We look forward to welcoming 156 P7 pupils to our College for the SEAG Entrance Assessment
- As far as possible, children will be in a hall/room with some children from their primary school
- Pupil Cards are available for download on the SEAG website
- Pupil Cards should be printed and brought to each exam

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Information Pack

- Map/specified area for drop-off with drop-off/pick up-times
- Expectations of Parents and Pupils on the Days of the SEAG Entrance Assessment
- FAQS for Parents whose Children will sit the SEAG Entrance Assessment 2026
- Contingency Planning or ‘What If’ Scenarios - A Guide for Parents/Guardians

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Getting Organised - Reminders

- Primary school uniform is advised
- Pupil Card (download/print from SEAG Dashboard)
- Highlighters are permitted but must not be used on the Answer Sheet
- Rulers*, calculators, mobile phones, earbuds, Smart Glasses** and other electronic devices are not permitted

(*unless a non-graduated reading ruler is approved as an Access Arrangement;** normal prescription glasses are fine)

- Do NOT bring a watch or smartwatch – there will be a clock in the room
- Water will be provided
- No Snacks should be brought

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Dates - SEAG Assessments

Test 1 - Saturday 14th November 2026

Test 2 - Saturday 21st November 2026

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SEAG Mornings – Times

- 9.15am - 9.45 am – Pedestrian main gates will open between these times (please do not arrive before 9.15am or after 9.45am)
- **9.30am Go to drop off zone**
- 9.45am Pedestrian gates will close, all parents/guardians must leave college site at this time
- 11.15am Pedestrian gates will reopen
- **11.20am Collection time (extra time 11.35am)** from same drop-off zone

Pedestrian main gates **will open at 9:15 am**

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Drop-Off

- Drop-off time is 9:30am
- Allow plenty of time for your journey
- Your email tells you your designated entrance
- There is NO car parking on site each morning
- Park nearby and then walk through the front gates and up the drive
- Only front school gates will be open for you

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Drop-Off

- On arrival pupils and their parent(s)/guardian(s) should go to their drop-off point
- Every child will wear a sticker. The colour will direct you to your zone (your child will receive stickers this morning)
- Pupils will be met by a member of staff and prefects who will escort them to their assessment room
- Parents/Guardians will not be permitted beyond this point

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Forgotten your exam room?

Don’t worry

- Information will be on your email – Do not delete
- Your coloured sticker will indicate your drop-off point
- Go to the Whitla Hall and staff will escort you to your room

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What happens next?

- In your room the Invigilator will take your Pupil Card and show you to your seat.
- There will be two HB pencils and an eraser on your desk, as well as blank paper.
- There will be a clock in the room.
- You will then have time to get settled and visit the toilet before the Assessment begins.

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Entrance Assessment - Practice Test Section

- Materials issued/checks made
- 10.00 am: Practice Test Section
- 5 questions in English (P1 - P5)
- 5 questions in Maths (P6 - P10)
- Guided by Invigilator
- P1 - P10 answers are written on the Answer Sheet but aren’t timed and don’t count towards the final mark

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Entrance Assessment - Main Test Section

- 56 questions in 60 minutes*
- English: Q1 - Q28
- Maths: Q29 - Q56
- Multiple choice and free response (see official SEAG Practice Papers 1 and 2)
- Pupils can choose to start with the English (Gaeilge) questions or the Maths questions
- Work quickly and carefully
- Extra time is not allowed for a toilet break. It will be allocated for sickness/distress.

**Some pupils with Access Arrangements may have additional time - normally 75 minutes instead of 60 minutes*

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Entrance Assessment - Main Test Section - Timings

- Pupils are told the start time and finishing time
- The Invigilator will advise all pupils about the time:
  - when they are about halfway through
  - when they have about 20 minutes left
  - when they have about 10 minutes left
- After 60* minutes, pupils will be told to stop, put their pencils down and not to talk
- *Timings will differ for pupils with extra time allowed

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Fire Alarm

- No planned fire alarms!
- Invigilators will deal with this situation
- Exam will resume once the all clear is given
- Full time given

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SEAG Equipment - Reminder

Each Saturday remember:

- Bring your SEAG registration card (Download and Print from SEAG Dashboard)
- You will be given 2 pencils, a rubber and a sheet of blank paper - rough work should be done on the blank paper, not the answer sheet
- Tissues and water will be available in the room
- Pupils can bring their own highlighter - this can be used on Question paper and rough work paper, **not the answer sheet.**
- Pupils can bring a pencil grip to use with pencils provided.

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SEAG Equipment - Reminder

Each Saturday DO NOT bring the following:

- Rulers*
- Calculators
- Earbuds/AirPods
- Watches/Smart watches/Smart Glasses
- Mobile phones
- Other Electronic Devices

*The exception is if a “reading ruler” has been allowed under an Access Arrangements request

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SEAG Equipment - Reminder

Each Saturday DO NOT bring the following:

- Other electronic devices
- Food or drink
- Lucky mascots
- Prayer Cards
- Remember no visible aids in rooms

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Open Nights

7th & 8th January 2027

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Vice Principal

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4 Rooms

- Staff/Prefects will escort pupils to their assessment room
- Staff - may be subject to change
- Rooms are allocated by Primary School (as far as possible)
- Access Arrangements – specific rooms

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Pupils

Visit your room

Meet staff

Take it all in

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P7 Pupils

- Lots of staff and pupils have volunteered to help
- Please follow their instructions at all times
- Our job is to help you do your best

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Put your hand up if you need anything

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Chief Invigilators for SEAG Exam Rooms

- Room 1 – Yellow Zone Mrs Morgan
- Room 2 – Red Zone Mrs McKay
- Room 3 – Green Zone Miss Keaveney
- Room 4 – Blue Zone Mrs Marrs

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Time to go to your room – Our Best Wishes to all P7 Pupils!
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Room 1 – Yellow Zone
Mrs Morgan

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Room 2 – Red Zone
Mrs McKay

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Room 3 – Green Zone
Miss Keaveney

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Room 4 – Blue Zone
Mrs Marrs

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Format of SEAG test

- 1 hour 15 mins in duration (including Practice Test)
- Assesses English/Gaeilge and Maths
- Two tests
- No supplementary test

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Late Arrivals

If the candidate arrives to the examination centre at or after 10:00am, they will not be permitted to sit that day's assessment

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Access Arrangements

- Applications were made online to SEAG
- Decisions made by independent Access Panel and communicated to us
- Small number are still outstanding
- Mrs Marrs will liaise directly with parents

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‘What If’ Scenarios

- Various ‘What If’ scenarios included in Information Pack covering:
  - Illness/other valid reason for absence
  - Late arrival
  - Withdrawal
  - Something unexpected e.g. injury

Parents, please keep your phone close by on the two Saturday Assessment mornings AND advise the second, emergency contact to do the same

- Tel: 028 90 205 205 or Email: seag@methody.org

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On the Day

- Unexpected illness but still able to do the test
- Please speak to member of staff at your zone when you arrive for the assessment
- We will ensure help and support is available

Please keep your mobile phone on so that we can contact you throughout the morning

(Secondary emergency contact advised to do the same)

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SEAG Outcomes

Available from Saturday, 23rd January 2027 on SEAG website.

- **Total Standardised Age Score** (TSAS) from 138 - 282
- **Band** 1 - 6
- English/Gaeilge SAS (69 - 141)
- Maths SAS (69 - 141)
- Cohort Percentile Ranking

A further breakdown of outcomes is also provided, including e.g. number of questions answered correctly in English/Gaeilge, in Maths and in each Paper

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Pick-Up

- Pick-up from 11:20 am at drop-off point or later if access arrangements permit extra time

- If your child is making their own way home, the school must be contacted in advance in writing

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If you need help or support, please
contact Mr Armstrong
today or email seag@methody.org
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You are nearly there!
Well done!

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We look forward to seeing you and your child on 14th and 21st November

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Collect your child from Pick-Up Zones

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Thank you
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