



**MOVING UP TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2019**

GL Assessment – Admissions

- Over 35 years' experience
- Provider to many schools and authorities
- Question bank of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Spatial, Mathematics and English items
- Production team
- In-house statistical expertise

The Secondary Transfer Test

- The Secondary Transfer Test is a test to determine whether or not a child is suited to a grammar school.
- The 2019 entry test is produced by GL Assessment
- Buckinghamshire County Council undertake the administration on behalf of the 13 grammar schools

What does the Secondary Transfer Test measure?

Verbal Skills	Includes English and verbal reasoning
Mathematical Skills	Includes various areas of mathematics
Non-Verbal Skills	Includes non-verbal and spatial reasoning

Verbal reasoning question example

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions. You need to work out a different code for each question. Choose the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example

If the code for FOOT is ENNS, what is the code for TOE?

Answer a. VPF b. DNS c. SNE d. SND e. FNE

English question example

In these sentences there are some spelling mistakes. On each numbered line there is either one mistake or no mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. If there is no mistake, mark N.

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I recieved an elaborate invitation to an exclusive party next week.




A B C D

Mathematical question example



stands for 12 ships.

Look at this table.

Dock	Number of Ships
A	
B	
C	

How many more ships are in dock A than dock C?

A 0.5

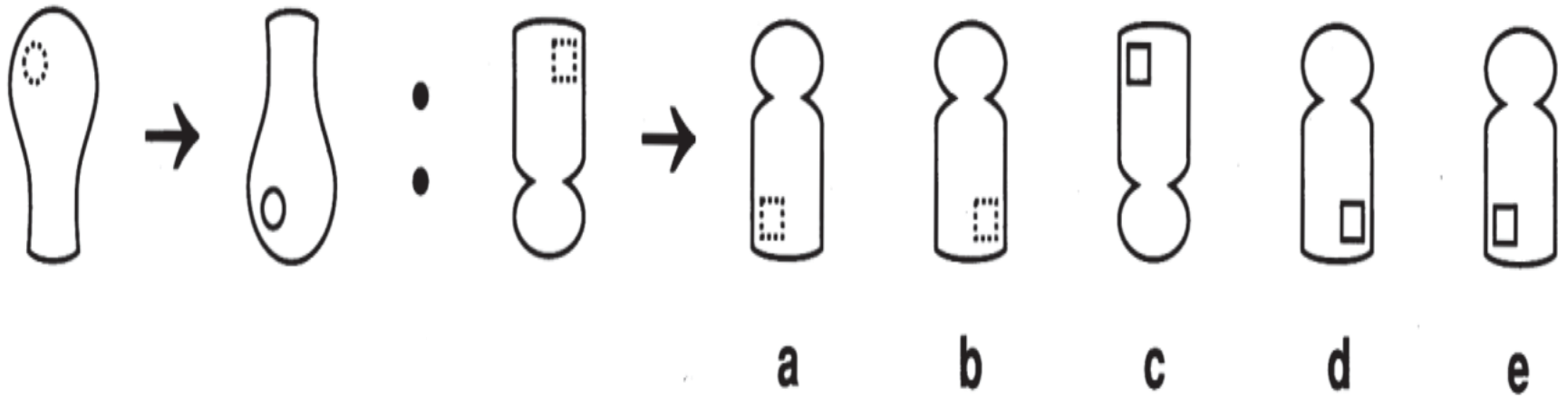
B 1

C 3

D 4

E 6

Non-verbal question example



Coaching

Primary schools that undertake testing on behalf of the grammar schools are asked not to tutor or coach for the children in their school prior to the test over and above enabling the children to follow the national curriculum relevant for their age.

Coaching materials

The Secondary Transfer Test is designed to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential. Free familiarisation materials will be provided for children to use at home. Tutoring is not required or recommended.

Timeline

What	When
Familiarisation Materials	By end of summer term
Practice Test	11 September 2018
Secondary Transfer Test	13 September 2018
Results published	12 October 2018
Application deadline	31 October 2018 – 3pm
School place offers	1 March 2019
Start secondary school	September 2019

Bucks Familiarisation Materials

Printed booklet to every Bucks child along with downloadable pdf

Explains:

- what the test papers and answer sheets will look like
- how the answer sheets should be completed

Includes:

- example questions with answers

It will not be looked at in school

Other Available Familiarisation

- GL Assessment provide free familiarisation on their website:
- <https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-familiarisation>
- Link only can be put onto schools' websites

Test logistics

- Tamper proof bags
- Spare materials
- Enlarged materials
- Declaration of Use
- Returning materials

Practice Test - 11 September

- Two papers with a break
- Exam conditions
- 35 minutes each paper
- CD/mp3 instructions
- Paper 1 – Verbal Skills
- Paper 2 – Mathematical and Non-Verbal Skills
- Not marked

The Secondary Transfer Test

13 September

- Two papers
- Both papers taken on the same day
- Short 15 minute gap between the papers
- Each paper - about an hour in total
- Sitting the practice test strongly recommended

Marking

- Machine marked (scanned)
- One mark is given for each correct answer
- Each pupil will have three raw scores
 - **verbal skills**
 - **mathematical skills**
 - **non-verbal skills**

Standardisation and Weighting

- Three raw scores
- Each is age standardised
- Weighted and combined to produce an overall result – Secondary Transfer Test Score (STTS)
- Tailored results letter according to result

Weighting

Each score is weighted as follows:

- Verbal – 50% of the STTS (Secondary Transfer Test Score)
- Mathematical – 25% of the STTS
- Non-verbal – 25% of the STTS

Range and Qualifying Scores

- The qualifying score is
121
- The range of scores is between
0 and 200+

More information:

- 'Moving up to Secondary School' leaflet
- Schools' websites
- TBGS website

<https://www.thebucksgrammarschools.org/>

- School open evenings- dates:

See School Directory in 'Find My Child a School Place'

<https://services.buckscc.gov.uk/school-admissions/schools>

- From May 2018 more information in the Guide will be available at:

www.buckscc.gov.uk/movinguptosecondaryschool