

THE COMMON ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS

The AQE Common Entrance Assessment takes account of the learning programme and attainment targets of the Revised KS2 Curriculum for English and Mathematics. The questions will test the skills, aptitude and knowledge that all pupils will be developing at this Key Stage. The assessment should therefore be accessible to all pupils studying the Revised KS2 Curriculum in Northern Ireland.

The Common Entrance Assessment Specification may be viewed on the AQE Website; however the format of the Assessments is given below.

Format of CEA

- 8 mathematics items. See exemplars* of mathematics items 1-15.
- Poem 1 followed by 7 comprehension items. See exemplars* of English items passage 1.
- 8 mathematics items. See exemplars of mathematics items 1-15.
- Basic skills passage (lines numbered on the right) followed by 5 basic skills items. See exemplars of English items passage 2.
- 8 mathematics items. See exemplars of mathematics items 1-15.
- Poem 2 followed by 7 comprehension items. See exemplars of English items passage 1.
- 8 mathematics items. See exemplars of mathematics items 1-15.
- Prose passage followed by 7 comprehension items. See exemplars of English items passage 3.

**Reference to “exemplars” refers to material which can be viewed on our website www.aqe.org.uk by clicking on “CEA: Sample Test Items”.*