

31 March 2025

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for all your support with last year's 11+ cycle. We are now writing with information about the admissions testing process for entry into Year 7 2026, for the London 11+ Consortium schools.

As with previous years, our assessment shows us a child's verbal, mathematical and non-verbal abilities, as well as their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Both the adaptive nature of the first half of the paper, and the imaginative question types of the second half, are intended to make candidates feel confident, stretched and stimulated. We have found that the range of question types has been helpful in seeing different elements of how children respond to different challenges.

Familiarisation materials remain available to give an insight into the nature of the test. We do, however, once again ask for your support in encouraging parents to take a balanced approach to preparation which ensures that children who are applying to Consortium Schools continue to be given opportunities to widen their perspectives, enjoy a range of cultural and co-curricular opportunities, as well as enjoy different topics and subjects in school. It is worth reminding parents that the second half of the test in particular is intended to steer children away from more familiar materials, and so an open-minded approach to learning is more likely to help them anyway.

Information regarding the Consortium can be found on our [website](#) and the familiarisation materials [here](#). These are the key dates:

Closing date for registrations:	Friday 7 November 2025
Consortium Assessment dates:	Friday 28 November, Tuesday 2 December and Thursday 4 December 2025
Offer date:	Friday 13 February 2026
Deadline to accept:	Wednesday 4 March 2026 – 12 noon

We kindly encourage families to register promptly. If possible, we would appreciate your support in hosting the assessment, as we recognise that children are more at ease taking the test within the familiar setting of their own school. If hosting is not feasible, any consortium school can facilitate the assessment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that we have appointed a committee of three Heads to chair the Consortium next academic year. From 1 September 2025 this committee will be formed of Mrs Katharine Woodcock, Mr Richard Tillet and Mrs Anna Paul. Furthermore, we will shortly be updating our Parent Information Sheet on Access Arrangements on our website and once this is done, we will share this with you directly.

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Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Consortium Schools. As ever, should you have any feedback for us on any aspects of the Consortium tests, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes to you all for the Easter break.



Amy Wallace
Chair



Katharine Woodcock
Deputy Chair