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
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
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 recived an elaborate invitation to an exclusive party next week.

A B C D
Mathematical question example

![Diagram of a ship](image)

stands for 12 ships.

Look at this table.

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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
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.
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

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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
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.thebuckssgrammarschools.org/](https://www.thebuckssgrammarschools.org/)
- School open evenings - dates:
  
  See School Directory in ‘Find My Child a School Place’

  [https://services.bucksc.gov.uk/school-admissions/schools](https://services.bucksc.gov.uk/school-admissions/schools)
- From May 2018 more information in the Guide will be available at:

  [www.bucksc.gov.uk/movinguptosecondaryschool](http://www.bucksc.gov.uk/movinguptosecondaryschool)