11+ PRACTICE PAPER RECOMMENDATIONS

How often should we complete practice papers?

In the summer holidays - every weekday! We recommend doing one paper in the morning (which should take 45-60 minutes) and then reviewing it. After this, you can generally get on with your day and forget about the 11+ for a bit.

If your child is attending the Summer School in the morning, we do not recommend doing a practice paper at home on the same day.

Why have I recommended these papers precisely?

This list has been compiled after comparing a wide variety of practice papers on the market. Whilst there are many other papers recommended on 11+ forums, we have excluded many of these papers as they bear very little resemblance to the exams in this area. We have also taken into account which papers our students said most closely resembled the exams that they have taken.

You'll notice that some of the papers have poor reviews, which I have looked into. The reviews tend to be related to the fact that the papers are advertised as "Revised for 2022" when they are the same papers that have been sold for years (just in different packaging).

Note for those with younger children:

It is best for your child to complete the papers by making notes on the question paper where necessary, however, we know that you may want to keep these papers so that other children in your family can use them when they come to sit the 11+. We therefore recommend photocopying the answer sheets that accompany each paper and saving these for your younger child. This will mean that no final answers will be written on the question paper itself.

SCHOOL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDED PAPERS

Bexley

CGP CEM Pack 1 - https://amzn.to/2Lv9q6c - one full test including all subjects

CGP CEM Pack 2 - https://amzn.to/2xqINXy

CGP CEM Pack 3 - https://amzn.to/2LsMZOV

CGP CEM Pack 4 - https://amzn.to/2J1ldr8

Bond CEM Practice Pack 1 (Multiple-choice format) - https://amzn.to/2Jhtnuq

Bond CEM Practice Pack 2 (Multiple-choice format) - https://amzn.to/2FNJPBL

Note - the Bexley verbal reasoning papers are NOT like the Kent, Newstead and Olave's verbal reasoning papers. If doing one of the other exams, you will need to purchase Letts or GL verbal reasoning papers separately. These are available in small packs here - https://amzn.to/2JjKZWq or in a large pack here - https://amzn.to/2Lw0RI5

Kent

GL – A 36 pack of all 4 subjects - https://amzn.to/2XcBIVe
For additional spatial reasoning practice (Kent and Olave's only) - https://amzn.to/2FLaRtc

If you are focusing both on the Bexley and Kent papers, you may wish to alternate between completing CEM and GL papers. If you are focusing primarily on the Bexley exam but sitting the Kent test as a practice, we recommend using the Bexley papers above and picking up GL verbal reasoning papers to complete occasionally.

Newstead

GL Assessment Non-Verbal Reasoning Practice Packs - https://amzn.to/2FOjzaf GL Assessment Verbal Reasoning Practice Packs - https://amzn.to/2J4RwoZ AE Publications Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack - https://amzn.to/3K6VBpb

Additional Verbal Reasoning Practice -

We used to recommend IPS papers, however, this company was bought by AE Publications a couple of years ago. AE don't seem to do the IPS verbal reasoning practice papers anymore; they've put the IPS material into a parents' guide instead.

There are second-hand IPS papers on Amazon, which I would recommend getting. In lieu of this, I've attached a link to a different AE Publications practice pack, which contains a similar style of verbal reasoning questions. From what I can see, you could buy both of the papers below without overlapping.

IPS Verbal Reasoning Practice Papers - https://amzn.to/2RSoBal

AE Verbal Reasoning pack - https://aepublications.co.uk/product/11-verbal-reasoning-year-5-7-gl-other-styles-testpack-a-bundle/

St. Olave's

There are a very few papers on the market that are suitable for the St. Olave's exam. We therefore recommend starting with the Kent material and supplementing this work with the papers below:

RSL Maths Practice Papers - https://amzn.to/3vbz85s RSL English Practice Papers - https://amzn.to/3EH98Ti Kin Learning Olave's papers (you may want to save these until after the Stage 1 exam) - https://kinlearning.com/product/st-olaves-practice-papers-suitable-for-stage-2

Private Schools

CGP CEM Pack 1 - https://amzn.to/2Lv9q6c - one full test including all subjects

CGP CEM Pack 2 - https://amzn.to/2xqINXy CGP CEM Pack 3 - https://amzn.to/2LsMZOV

GL Assessment Verbal Reasoning Practice Packs - https://amzn.to/2J4RwoZ

RSL English Practice Papers - https://amzn.to/3EH98Ti

Additional Practice

Letts:

Additional maths practice - https://amzn.to/2J2oC8U
English - https://amzn.to/2XmYS03
Non-verbal reasoning - https://amzn.to/2LtfhZy
Verbal reasoning - https://amzn.to/2xpVbY0