

Changes to 11+ Entrance Examinations for Torbay Schools

The Torbay Selective Schools propose changing the testing arrangements for admission into Year 7 in September 2018 with effect from September 2017.

The three grammar schools in Torbay, namely Torquay Boys' Grammar, Torquay Girls' Grammar and Churston Ferrers Grammar along with the selective stream at Spires, operate a co-ordinated entrance examination with all students taking the same tests on the same days.

Currently the tests consist of two CEM* papers, an English paper (Comprehension and Writing elements) and a Mathematics paper.

The proposal is to remove the Maths paper and the Comprehension element of the English paper as the CEM tests adequately cover the testing of these skills.

This will also remove the need for testing on 2 Saturdays as the testing can be completed in one morning.

You are invited to make any comments regarding this proposal and if you wish to do so please contact the Admissions Officer of Churston Ferrers Grammar School – address below – who will correlate the responses received.

Comments must be received by 31st January 2017.

Copies of each School's Admissions Policy will be published on their websites

*The CEM tests will assess verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning.

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