



ASSESSMENT DAY PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY, 2018-2019

Assessments will be held at New Hall School. The anticipated timetable for the day is as follows:

Time	Event
8.35am	Arrivals to Main Reception
8.50 - 9.45am	Verbal Reasoning Paper (50 minutes + 5 minutes preparation)
9.45 - 10.15am	Toilet Break and Refreshments
10.25 - 10.35am	English Practice Test (10 minutes)
10.35-11.25pm	English, multiple choice paper (50 minutes)
11.25 - 11.35am	Toilet Break
11.40am -12.10pm	English, written paper (25 minutes + 5 minutes preparation)
12.10-12.25pm	Toilet Break and meet Year 7 students
12.25 - 1.10pm	Lunch with Year 7 students
1.15pm	To be met by Mr Smith or Mrs McGlynn
1.20pm - 2.15pm	Mathematics paper (50 minutes + 5 minutes preparation)
2.20 - 4.00pm	Interviews to be held during this period.
4.00pm	Refreshments in the North Gallery and Departure

Members of senior staff interview candidates. The aim is to put students at their ease, so that they can demonstrate their individual strengths and interests. The interview will last approximately 15 minutes. During this time, each candidate will be invited to give a 3-minute presentation. Candidates may choose, as an example:

1. To bring a best piece of work or project to discuss; or
2. To bring a certificate, award or medal from a hobby or interest to discuss.

Special Talent Award candidates are asked to speak about their Special Talent in their interview.

ASSESSMENTS

Verbal Reasoning (50 minutes)

This test assesses general scholastic ability. The paper assesses the candidate's knowledge of words and their ability to interpret written verbal instructions and complete tasks accordingly.

Students who have significant learning difficulties or who are learning English as an additional language may be given a Non-Verbal Reasoning Assessment (**NVRQ**). This test assesses the candidate's visual interpretation and does not depend on the written word. Please contact Laura Groves, Head of Learning Development, on l.groves@newhallschool.co.uk should you wish to discuss this option.

English, multiple choice (50 minutes)

This test reflects aspects of English language involving comprehension, vocabulary, punctuation, spelling and study skills. A practice test will be held directly before starting the paper to ensure that all students are clear on how to complete the separate answer sheet.

English, written (25 minutes)

This paper assesses the ability of all candidates, including those entered for academic scholarships. The paper will assess the ability of the candidate's comprehension and imaginative skills. The paper will also assess a range of writing and presentation skills.

Mathematics (50 minutes)

This test encompasses a wide range of mathematical content and is consistent with the National Curriculum. Candidates will not be allowed to use a calculator or any other mathematical instrument other than a ruler.