



Guidance for Parents (FAQs)

All candidates are invited to sit the LWC Pre-Test, which can be taken either at their current school or at the College. This assessment engages a wide range of learners and has been specifically designed to improve accessibility and level the playing field for children from all backgrounds. We have put together some answers to the questions that we are most frequently asked about our assessments.

We hope this is useful, but if, after reading, you have any further questions at all, please do contact the team via admissions@lordwandsworth.org

How does the assessment work, and what will be tested?

The assessment is online and can be taken on any modern device (e.g. computer, laptop or tablet). It will cover the following subject components:

English	20 minutes
Non-Verbal Reasoning	15 minutes

How long will the assessments take?

The assessment itself will be 35 minutes long altogether - see the previous section for a breakdown.

What is the format of the assessment? Is the assessment adaptive or non-adaptive, and what does this mean?

The majority of questions will be multiple choice, with only a few questions requiring students to type a single word or number at most.

The English section of the assessment is **non-adaptive**. This means that all students will see the same questions, although some will progress further through the questions than others.

Please note, students will have the ability to move backwards and forwards through questions, and will be able to change their answers.

The Non-Verbal Reasoning section of the assessment is **adaptive**. The questions that each student will see will be unique, as they will get harder or easier as students move through the assessment to ensure they are at the right level for each individual. For this reason, students won't be able to skip or go back and change their answers to questions.

How will students manage their time?

During the assessment, students will see a timer on their screen showing them how long they have left for each section. It will be visible but not so large as to distract them from their work.

What resources can my child use during the assessment?

Students will only be permitted blank scrap paper and a pen/pencil in all subjects for any working out. Students may not use any other additional materials during any stage of the assessment e.g. dictionaries, thesauruses, calculators, rulers, mobile phones, etc.

What about students eligible for extra time?

Students eligible for extra time will be asked to indicate their entitlement at the point of application to the College. Where extra time is approved for a student, the additional time will be automatically added to the timer visible on their screen for each section of their assessment.

I would like to know more about the assessments. What can you tell me?

We recommend viewing the short familiarisation exercise to get a feel for the online format of the assessment: <https://app.questassessments.com/public/taster/lord-wandsworth-college>

We hope the information below is helpful to learn a little more.

Quantitative and Non-Verbal Reasoning, Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning

Subject	Maths - Quantitative and Non-Verbal Reasoning	English - Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning
What's being assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number, Algebra, Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change, Geometry and Measures- Probability and Statistics- Mathematical reasoning- Problem-solving- Spatial and visual reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Deducing conclusions and drawing inferences from the text- Identifying and summarising main themes- Identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning- Analysing an author's use of language (including literary devices) and considering the impact on the reader- Understanding & manipulating challenging vocabulary- Thinking critically and using logic to make high-level deductions

Why is the entry assessment online? What type of device will students use?

Many senior schools run online assessments, which is more efficient with students' time and provides a more enjoyable experience. There is no extended typing exercise required, so typing ability will not impact results.

The entry assessment can be taken on a range of devices, including iPads, PCs, laptops and Chromebooks {which will be provided by the school}.

My child is an overseas applicant. Where will they take the assessment?

Students are welcome to travel to sit the assessment at our school. If you would prefer your child to sit the assessment overseas, please contact our Admissions team to find out how to proceed. Students who are living overseas may take the assessment under exam conditions at their current school or at a test centre.

How much preparation does my child have to do for the entry assessment?

We recommend that all students look at the familiarisation materials provided. All knowledge tested in the assessment is based on skills that students will be developing in school, so they will not need any special tuition or intensive practice. Instead, they are encouraged to read widely and to practise lateral and critical thinking skills.