



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

What is the assessment?

The assessment is an online exam. It is composed of the following papers:

- Maths
- English
- Non-Verbal Reasoning
- Verbal Reasoning
- Puzzles and Problem-Solving

The **Maths and English** sections are based on the **National Curriculum**. They assess your child's ability to recall what they have been taught and apply this knowledge to solve problems.

The **Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning** sections are designed to test your child's **academic potential**. They assess your child's ability to solve problems with written or visual information.

The **Puzzles and Problem-Solving** section encourages your child to think deeply about a scenario and apply mathematical and creative thinking techniques to solve a problem.

	Maths	English	Non-Verbal Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Puzzles and Problem-Solving
What is being assessed?	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning	Reading comprehension Spelling Punctuation Grammar	Spatial reasoning Visual reasoning	Vocabulary Pattern-spotting Logic	Multi-step problem solving Logical reasoning

Is the assessment adaptive?

Adaptive

The Maths, Non-Verbal Reasoning, and Verbal Reasoning section of the assessment is adaptive. This means that questions will get harder or easier as a child moves through the assessment.

Please note, students will not be able to skip or go back to any questions. They will also be unable to change any of their answers.

Non-Adaptive

The English and Puzzles & Problem-Solving sections of the assessment are **non-adaptive**. This means that all students will see the same questions, although some will progress further through the questions than others.

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

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How long is the assessment?

The assessment takes a total of 80 minutes. The timings of each subject component are:

Paper	
Maths	20 minutes
NVR	10 minutes
English	30 minutes
VR	10 minutes
Puzzles and Problem-Solving	10 minutes

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.

Students eligible for **extra time** will be asked to indicate their entitlement at the point of application. 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.

How to prepare for the assessment

We recommend that all students look at the familiarisation materials provided:

<https://app.questassessments.com/public/taster/lord-wandsworth-college>

The assessment will test the knowledge and skills highlighted in the **Key Stage 2 National Curriculum**. Students will develop these skills as part of their school education, so they will not need any special tuition or intensive practice.

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Is the assessment multiple-choice?

The majority of questions will be **multiple-choice**, with only a few questions requiring a student to type a single word or number. There is no extended typing exercise required, so typing ability will not impact results.

What device can be used for the assessment?

The assessment can be taken on many different types of devices, including iPads, PCs, laptops, tablets and Chromebooks.

What can my child use during the assessment?

Students will be permitted blank scrap paper and a pencil/pen 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.

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

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.