

# Newsletter March 2020

## Welcome to the March Newsletter.

March is a milestone month in the secondary transfer process with Year 6 students being allocated schools. This inevitably raises the subject of secondary transfer at the school gates, increasing awareness for Year 5 parents.

(As parents ourselves, we understand this and are here to help parents support their children through the process).

**Corona Virus (COVID-19)** - In light of the recent Corona virus outbreak, we are following public health guidelines in all our classes and events. We will be encouraging tutors and students to wash their hands when arriving and during the session as required. We are also taking steps to ensure all venues are cleaned prior to students arriving.

All events are still taking place, we will keep parents informed if there are any changes.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** sees the start of our programme of mock tests and other events between now and the SW Herts test on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please see our website for more information.

We are pleased to announce that we will be running a new Saturday morning class (09.30 -11.00) after the Easter break at Queens School. See below for details.

We hope you find this newsletter useful.

Regards

Andrew & Gill Filer

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## Year 5 Registration (SW Herts Registration opens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April)

Year 5 parents wanting their child to sit the SW Herts tests in Sept 2020 will need to register on the SW Herts website. The registration opens on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

There is a guide for parents on this website, "How To Register" which is very useful, easy to read and follow.

For those parents also considering Independent schools or those in adjacent Boroughs please check their websites for details.

## Planning your year ahead

To assist parents, we have prepared a guide to help plan your year ahead. Our aim to help children peak ready for the actual tests in Sept, booking the right level of mock tests is important. See our website for more details. (Planning Your Year)

### 3 is the perfect number...

Following our structured approach, we offer 10 different mock transfer tests between now and September, allowing parents to book as many or as few as they wish.

**3 is the perfect number...** research shows that a **minimum** of 3 tests are ideal for most students\*. In the 1<sup>st</sup> test students can underperform by as much as 20% due to nerves, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> nerves are reduced and areas to address are identified, the 3<sup>rd</sup> builds their confidence and allows room to improve test technique.

**DISCOUNT – We offer a discount of £5 per test, if 3 or more are booked and paid for in advance.**

(\*some students benefit from more than 3)

### Book with confidence – new FOC ticket transfer

To help take the worry away from booking events, we have recently enhanced our booking system allowing bookings to be transferred to an alternative date should circumstances change. This service is free of charge for booking booked and paid for in advance. Terms and conditions apply, please see our website for details (Planning Your Year)

### Mock Transfer Test -21<sup>st</sup> March 10am – 12.00 or 1.30pm – 4.00pm. £47.50 (Verbal Reasoning and Maths)

Taking place at Queens Secondary School, this is the first mock transfer test of 2020. This event offers your child the opportunity to experience a formal test without the worry of the consequences of making a mistake. GL Assessment, multiple choice format. Our recommendation is to expose children to the test environment and content as soon as possible as this helps to overcome nerves and identify areas to develop and give them test awareness.

### Paper Review – students learn from seeing their mistakes

After successfully piloting this service in 2019, our paper reviews offer a constructive opportunity for parents and students to review their papers together. Our qualified staff will be on hand to offer support and offer students methods to learn from mistakes and ways to improve. These can be booked online, please see our website. **This service is provided Free of Charge to students being tutored by MTT.**

### Mock Music Test – 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 11.00 - £29.50

Not sure if your child has an aptitude for music? Considering registering your child for the music test? Why not come along to a Mock Music Test and find out what is involved?

Students don't have to play an instrument, don't have to be a specific grade, they just need to listen, concentrate and see if they have an aptitude for music.

The music test is an optional additional test to gain a place in the SW Herts Consortium schools. If you are interested in booking a place, our next Mock Music Test is on the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am please click on the link. <https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/booking-form/>

## Queens Sports Test- 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 12.00pm - £29.50

The Queens Sports Test is an optional, additional test for those who are considering Queens school. To help students prepare, MTT offer Sports Assessment sessions where our experienced staff explain the Queens Sports test, all activities are demonstrated and explained, and children take part in each activity. We provide feedback, ranking & a training booklet for children to take away.

### Year 5 Classes

**It's not too late to join a class.** Year 5 classes take place at our hall in Bushey on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, at 3.45pm and 5.00pm. We currently have a limited number of spaces available if you would like your child to join a class, now is a good time to start.

<https://www.mocktransfertest.co.uk/tutoring-services/tutoring-inquiry-form/>

### New Saturday Morning Class... 09.30 – 11.00 £29.50

To help support those students who are not able to attend the after-school classes, we are introducing a new Saturday Morning class at Queens school. Conducted by a qualified teacher, supported by a TA, we provide an hour and a half lesson, covering Verbal Reasoning and Maths to help students prepare for the 11+ tests.

These classes will start after the Easter break. Please register if you would like your child to enrol.

<https://www.mocktransfertest.co.uk/tutoring-services/tutoring-inquiry-form/>

### Year 4 Classes – Wednesday 5.00 – 6.00 £25.00 (MTT, Chalk Hill, WD19 4DA)

Our Year 4 classes help to build a good foundation for the Year 5 preparation for the 11+ exams. These classes cover Verbal Reasoning and Maths. We have limited spaces so if you are considering tutoring, the summer term is a good time to start.

**Trial lessons** – Getting the right class and tutor is important, therefore we offer a trial class before parents commit to the full course. (Summer Term) If you wish to book a trial lesson before committing to the full course, please register via our website.

<https://www.mocktransfertest.co.uk/tutoring-services/tutoring-inquiry-form/>

**We are discounting trial lessons to £17.50 (RRP £25.00) for students that register and attend a trial before the Easter break.**

**Mock Transfer Tests**

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