



Antrim Grammar School

Transfer 2012

Information for Parents

October 2011

Dear Parent

As a school, and through various organisations, Antrim Grammar School has actively supported efforts to avoid unregulation of transfer from Primary to Post Primary education and we are disappointed that these efforts have not proved successful.

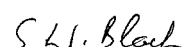
In the absence of regulation, as was the case for Transfer 2010 and Transfer 2011, Antrim Grammar School will continue to use academic ability as a criterion for admission and this ability will be determined by the use of the Common Entrance Assessment (CEA) developed by the Association for Quality Education (AQE). This will be reflected in our Admissions Criteria, which we hope to publish shortly.

We hope that you will find this Familiarisation Day helpful but, most importantly, that it will assist your child in preparation for the assessments which will follow and will ensure he/she is at ease with the arrangements for the CEA.

We hope that the additional information provided today, and within this booklet, will be useful. However if you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Mr S W Black
Principal

HOW DOES THE AQE CEA WORK?

- Three 1 hour papers on the dates specified overleaf
- The AQE CEA score will be awarded on the basis of the best two scores
- Children may sit two or three papers

DOES IT MATTER WHICH EXAM CENTRE WE USE?

- No. The CEA score is transferable across all schools which are using the AQE CEA to measure academic ability. These schools can be found on the AQE website www.aqe.org.uk

WHERE IN ANTRIM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WILL CHILDREN SIT THE PAPERS?

- Children will sit the papers in classrooms within Primary School groupings
- There will be a maximum of 23 candidates per room

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO THE CEA?

Children should bring:

- their AQE examination card
- two pencils
- a rubber
- emergency medication (if necessary, such as inhalers)

Children should not bring:

- mobile phones
- any electronic devices
- pencil cases
- rulers
- watches
- food or drink (other than for medical reasons previously discussed with the Principal)

Water will be available as required.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

Children should wear something which they are comfortable in but we would strongly advise that they wear their normal school wear.

Please note that, in any event, football shirts are not permitted.

WHAT TIME SHOULD MY CHILD ARRIVE?

Children should be in Antrim Grammar School by 9:30 am (school will be open from 9:15 am)

If a child arrives late they may be placed in an alternative classroom than the one designated, in order to prevent disruption to other children.

WHAT ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RELEASE OF CHILDREN?

Children should be collected from the Stinson Hall at 11:05 am. The Stinson Hall will be open for parents from 10:45 am.

In the interests of Child Protection, the School will release children only to the parent or carer.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS ILL ON THE MORNING OF A CEA?

In such an event please contact the School Office, either by calling personally or by telephoning 028 9446 4091.

If your child is unable to sit one or more of the tests due to such circumstances it is essential to speak to the Principal, Mr Black.

Key Dates

15 th October 2011	Familiarisation Day
12 th November 2011	Common Entrance Assessment Paper 1
26 th November 2011	Common Entrance Assessment Paper 2
3 rd December 2011	Common Entrance Assessment Paper 3

On the above dates Antrim Grammar School will be open from 9:15 am and all children sitting the CEA should be present by 9:30 am.

Children will be seated in their CEA classroom by 9:45 am and the CEA will run from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Parents may enter the School Assembly Hall in preparation for release of pupils from 10:45 am.

4 th February 2012	Issue of results of CEA to arrive with Parents
May 2012	Issue of letters of Post Primary School Placements to Parents