

# Guidance for Parents (FAQs)

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## What is the assessment?

The assessment is an online exam. It is composed of five parts:

- Maths, English, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Puzzles and Problem-Solving, Creative Comprehension

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 **Non-Verbal reasoning** section is 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 techniques to solve a problem.

The **Creative Comprehension** section assesses your child's ability to read and analyse a series of written sources and graphs that are centred around a theme.

	Maths	English	Non-Verbal Reasoning
What is being assessed?	Arithmetics Mathematical reasoning	Reading comprehension Spelling Punctuation Grammar	Spatial reasoning Visual reasoning

	Puzzles and Problem-Solving	Creative Comprehension
What is being assessed?	Multi-step problem solving Logical reasoning	Extracting information Synthesising information to form a conclusion

## Is the assessment adaptive?

### Adaptive

The Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning sections of the assessment are **adaptive**. This means that questions will get harder or easier as a child moves through the assessment. This ensures that each question is at the right level of difficulty for each student.

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, Creative Comprehension and Puzzles and 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, students will have the ability to move backwards and forwards through questions, and will be able to change their answers.

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## How long is the assessment?

The students are allocated a 2-hour block to complete the assessment which takes a total of 95 minutes (1 hour and 35 minutes). This allows for short breaks between each subject component. The timings of each subject component are:

<b>Maths</b>	20 minutes
<b>NVR</b>	10 minutes
<b>English</b>	30 minutes
<b>Puzzles and Problem-Solving</b>	15 minutes
<b>Creative Comprehension</b>	20 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 to The King's School. 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/the-kings-school-chester>

The assessment will test the knowledge and skills highlighted in the **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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## FAQs

### 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 {which will be provided by the school}.

### What can my child use during the assessment?

Students will be permitted blank scrap paper {which will be provided by the school} and a pencil/pen {which should be provided by the student} 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?

{Your child is 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.