



# P6 Parents' Transfer Information Meeting 2023

# The Transfer Process



The aim of this information meeting is to:

- ▶ Share information about the transfer process for P7 pupils transferring to post-primary schools for the 2024-25 academic year.
- ▶ Explain the pathway for those wishing to apply to grammar school settings.

# How do I choose a school for my child?

## ▶ **Best fit**

Some factors to consider –

- Proximity to home
- Pastoral care
- SEN provision
- Academic focus
- Extra curricular options

# See for yourselves ...



- Make a list of any schools you are considering.
- Take a look at their website.
- Speak to parents and pupils from the school.
- Visit their Open Day.

# Historical choices from KIPS

Most common –

Strangford Integrated College

Regent House Grammar

Glastry College

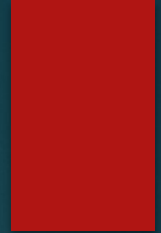
Other options –

Grammar	All Ability
Glenlola Collegiate	St Columba's Portaferry
Bangor Grammar	Rockport School
Our Lady and St Pat's, Knock	Priory Integrated College
Bloomfield Collegiate	Bangor Academy
Campbell College	Movilla High

# Transfer Process Timeline

Key Dates	
Dec/Jan	Post Primary Open Nights
February	P7 Transfer Interviews
February	Submit online application to Education Authority
May/June	Confirmation of allocation for September
June	Transfer of Information

# Selection Process



<b>Grammar</b>	<b>All ability</b>
<p>To be considered for a grammar school place all pupils must sit an entrance exam (SEAG Test).</p>	<p>Places are allocated via the school's admissions criteria only.</p>
<p>Places are normally given primarily on rank order of scores.</p>	<p>Each school has their own criteria – such as siblings, eldest child, feeder primaries, etc.</p>
<p>Final places decided by schools admissions criteria.</p>	<p>Check school websites for details.</p>

# Strangford College Criteria for September 2023

▶ The admissions criteria for 2024 hasn't been released yet.

▶ In 2023-

'**Grammar Pathway** is available for a maximum of 35% of the intake.'

The remaining 65% of places is for the all-ability pathway.

If the number of applicants for either pathway exceeds the number of places available, the criteria 2-6 listed below will be used to determine a rank order of applicants for Criterion 1.

1. First preference Sibling currently enrolled
2. Eldest or only child
3. Attending an Integrated primary school
4. All other applicants
5. In the event of a tie, the published random alphabetical selection is used



# SEAG (School Entrance Assessment Group)



SEAG is a new organisation representing all of the grammar schools in N Ireland. The aim of the group is to provide an entrance examination to P7 children providing \*standardised outcomes to enable them to select pupils based on academic performance for their school. This replaces the previous AQE and GL system.

\*A standardised assessment is any form of test that requires all test takers to answer the same questions in the same way and is then scored in a 'standard' or consistent manner. This makes it possible to compare the relative performance of individual students or groups of students.

# SEAG Test Information

## Key Dates & Milestones

**Registration Opens - Early May 2023**

**Registration Closes - Mid September 2023**

**Assessment Paper 1 - Saturday 11th November 2023**

**Assessment Paper 2 - Saturday 25th November 2023**

**Results Issued - Late January/Early February 2024**

**Registration is via the SEAG website at**

**<https://seagni.co.uk/>**

# SEAG Test Information

## Costs

SEAG registration fee - £20

Preparation Materials including a Summer Pack - £30

For all pupils entitled to Free School Meals there will be no cost (proof must be submitted when registering for SEAG)

# SEAG Test Information

## Overview

The Entrance Assessment consists of two papers – pupils sit both

- Paper 1 - Saturday 11th November 2023
- Paper 2 - Saturday 25th November 2023
- Both papers assess English and Mathematics
- Both papers have an identical format consisting of 3 Sections

# SEAG Test Information

## Section 1 – The Practice Test

- 5 English questions
- 5 Maths questions
- Questions designed to help pupils settle before the Main Test begins
- Practice Test not assessed

# SEAG Test Information

## Section 2 – The English Main Test

- 28 questions (Q1-Q28)
- Punctuation Exercise (5 multiple choice questions) ·  
Grammar Exercise (5 multiple choice questions)
- Spelling Exercise (5 multiple choice questions)
- English Comprehension.
- Pupils read a passage- answer 13 questions (Q16-  
Q28)
- Q16-Q22 multiple choice
- Q23-Q28 free response

# SEAG Test Information

## Section 3 – The Maths Main Test

- 28 questions (Q29-Q56)
- Q29-Q50 multiple choice
- Q51-Q56 free response

## Other

- 60 minutes to answer the 56 questions
- Each multiple choice question has 5 possible answers
- Answer sheet provided

# Results



- ▶ Marked by GL Assessment (Independent English company)
  
- 1. Grade
- 2. Standardised Age Scores for both English & Mathematics
- 3. Actual scores for both English & Mathematics



# Results

The following scores in **yellow** were needed to get in to the schools below in September 2020 (last available data).

- ▶ Regent House – 100
- ▶ Bangor Grammar– 99
- ▶ Glenlola– 86
- ▶ Bloomfield – 92
- ▶ St. Pat's Knock- A
- ▶ [www.transfertutor.co.uk](http://www.transfertutor.co.uk) (has lowest scores taken by all grammar schools since 2014 on website)

# What to expect- Test days

- ▶ Tests are held in each of the participating grammar schools.
- ▶ When registering to do the test you select your preferred test centre on the application form.
- ▶ Important to register early to ensure a place at desired test centre.
- ▶ A familiarisation event will take place in most test centres nearer the time of the tests.
- ▶ Uniform must be worn on day of test.
- ▶ The test centre that you do the test in has no impact on where your child goes in first year.

# Example test day- in Regent House

- ▶ The majority of accommodation is in two halls, with pupils sitting with others from their primary schools if they apply early enough.
- ▶ Invigilators will be staff from grammar school- following common, agreed instructions (similar to GCSE and A level exams).
- ▶ Different test centres have different accommodation arrangements- some use classrooms instead of halls.

# Special Circumstances

- ▶ Relates to medical or other problems which may impact performance in the test.
- ▶ Extra time- need supporting evidence, make them aware on application- will possibly sit in separate room or given extra reading time.
- ▶ Special circumstances/arrangements are considered by the test centre school. Contact the test centre school for further information.

# What is expected from now until June for those preparing for SEAG Test?

- ▶ Extra Mathematics homeworks at times - on top of normal homework.
- ▶ Corrections of tests completed.
- ▶ Ensure all homeworks are completed to a high standard- ask your child to repeat if there are careless mistakes.
- ▶ Additional 3 hours of transfer work during the school week (additional teacher covering Numeracy/Literacy with those pupils not doing the test during this time).
- ▶ 1 test per week – this will increase in P7.



# What if my child isn't preparing for the test?

- ▶ They will continue with their normal Maths and Literacy classwork during the school day like the rest of the pupils.
- ▶ Complete standardised PTM and PTE tests as normal with rest of class.
- ▶ They will apply for post-primary schools at the same time as those pupils who do the test and will find out where they are going at the same time too.



# Summer Holidays!

We provide a summer pack of work (optional).  
It provides 6 weeks of work and revision.

It is recommended that pupils:

- ▶ Complete two full tests per week (e.g. Mon. & Fri.)
- ▶ Complete revision papers and revision sheets (e.g. Tues., Wed. and Thurs.)
- ▶ Read as much as possible- every night!

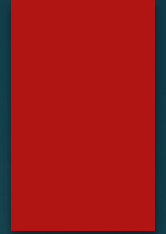
# September – December 2023

## In P7:

- ▶ 2 practice tests in school per week
- ▶ ½ test in the evening (or corrections and/or learning homework). This will be marked at home to maximise teaching time in school.
- ▶ Spellings and tables relevant to tests.



# Questions



- ▶ Please ask any questions you may have.



Thank you for taking  
the time to attend.



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