



Entrance Assessments for 16+ entry in 2027

Entrance Examination

All students applying to Trinity School will need to complete four assessments as part of their Entrance Exam. The assessments consist of a combination of computer-based and written components and are designed to assess academic ability regardless of the subjects you wish to study at A Level.

The Computer-Based Testing

This assessment takes around 50 minutes. It includes the following adaptive sections in this order.

1. Vocabulary, lasting a maximum of 10 minutes.
2. Mathematics, lasting a maximum of 25 minutes. There is an additional non-adaptive section.
3. Non-Verbal, lasting 15 minutes in total. The questions will include pictures, speed and accuracy, diagrams and dice questions.

These assessments will take place in the school unless the candidate is based overseas. This will take place on devices provided by the school. No prior subject knowledge is required. At the beginning of each section, there will be some familiarisation questions to ensure that candidates are comfortable with the format and style of questioning.

Written Exams

- **Written Communication Paper (30 Minutes)**

This paper is made up of two sections, and tests your ability to analyse written prose as well as construct a piece of writing. No prior subject knowledge is required.

- **Mathematical Reasoning Paper (30 Minutes)**

This paper will assess your ability to manipulate numbers. There will be a range of mathematical problems to solve, which will be accessible to everybody currently undertaking Mathematics (I)GCSE. This is a calculator-based paper.

All students will then choose their final assessment, depending on their strengths and interests. They may choose either:

- **Additional Written Communication (45 minutes)**



This paper will assess your ability to construct and communicate written argument. There will be a number of open ended essay questions, and you will choose one to answer.

- **Additional Mathematical Reasoning (45 minutes)**

This paper will assess your ability to apply mathematical concepts to solve science-based questions. There will be a range of problems to solve, which will be accessible to everybody currently undertaking Science (I)GCSEs.

We believe your time is best spent on preparing for your GCSEs, and so design our exams to reflect the knowledge, understanding and skills you would normally possess at this stage of your GCSE journey. We therefore do not provide practice papers or familiarisation tests.

The examination marks are reviewed and candidates who have performed well will be invited back for interview.

The offer of a place is made based on your performance in these written and computer assessments, along with other sources of information including interviews, your personal statement, school reports and references.

We expect all our students, both internal and external applicants, to achieve at least six GCSEs at grade 7 or above (or grade A or above) and to meet the subject specific requirements for A Level study, which can be found in our Guide to A Level Subjects.