



Entrance Assessments for 16+ entry in 2027

Entrance Assessment

All students applying to Trinity School will need to complete four assessments as part of their Entrance Assessment. 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.

A 50 minute adaptive computer-based test

A 30 minute written communication paper

A 30 minute mathematical reasoning paper

All students will then choose their final assessment, depending on their strengths and interests.

They may choose either:

- An additional 45 minute written communication paper, focussing on argumentative writing
- An additional 45 minute mathematical reasoning paper, focussing on applied mathematics.

The Computer-Based Test

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 Assessments

- **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, similar to the skills developed in English (i)GCSE. 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. Examples of previous questions include:

- Can war ever be justified?
- 'Rap music should be considered to be poetry.' Discuss.

The questions are deliberately broad, and we are interested in your ability to plan, structure and communicate reasoned and exemplified argument effectively.

- **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.

How to choose which assessment to sit

In choosing which assessment to complete, our advice is to play to your strengths and interests: if you are interested in pursuing STEM (or related) subjects at A Level, and/or these are the subjects which you enjoy most at GCSE and feel you are strongest at, we would suggest the mathematical reasoning paper. If you are more interested in pursuing humanities or social science related subjects at A level, and/or these are the subjects which you enjoy most at GCSE and feel you are strongest at, we would suggest the written communication paper.

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We believe your time is best spent on preparing for your GCSEs, and so design our assessments 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 assessment 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.