HOLYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



P6 Parent Information May 2022

Timetable 2022 - 2023

4 May 2022

Applications open for 2021/22 Entrance Exam in AQE & GL 23 September 2022

Application process closes

November & December 2022

AQE or GL Entrance Assessments in Post Primary Schools Saturday 12th November 2022 (GL – 2 Assessment papers) Saturday 19th November 2022 (AQE – Test 1) Saturday 26th November 2022 (AQE – Test 2) Saturday 3rd December 2022 (AQE – Test 3)

Timetable 2022 – 2023 (cont.)

January & February 2023

Open Days/ Evenings in most Post Primary Schools.

Please keep an eye on grammar and secondary school websites and social media pages for this information

February 2023

Provisional date for AQE & GL Entrance Assessments results to be published is Saturday 4 February By mid February

Parents complete an online Transfer application for their P7 child * This process is slightly different for pupils who have a SEN statement *

May/June 2023

Notification of Post Primary School placements

N. B. We await final dates for the above to be confirmed by DE/ EA

Common Entrance Assessments (CEA) 2022 - 2023

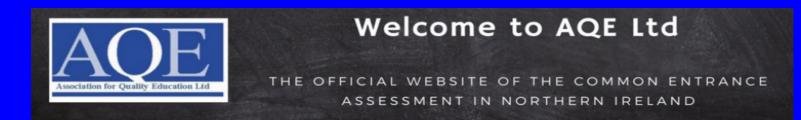
Please refer to AQE website <u>www.aqe.org.uk</u> e.g. AQE Process Timeline Registration / Administration (costs £60) (No charge for children who are eligible for FSM) A Guide for Parents (e.g. Special Access / Provision) CEA Format

**Each paper will be one hour and ten minutes long **

REGISTRATION from 4TH MAY 2022 & CLOSES ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022 at 4:00pm

How to Register for the AQE Assessments

- Complete online registration form at: https://aqe.org.uk/
- A 5 digit code is provided confirming payment of £60 fee <u>or</u> proof of entitlement to FSM is required.
- An electronic copy of your child's birth certificate is to be uploaded.
- A digital passport photo is required



Post Primary Transfer Consortium (runs GL Assessment) 2022-2023

Please refer to <u>www.pptcni.com</u> Information for Parents Timeline Registration / Administration (no charge) A Guide for Parents GL Format

REGISTRATION DATE FROM WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY & CLOSES ON FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER (2.00 P.M.)

How to Register for the GL Assessments

 Complete online registration form at: <u>https://pptcni.com</u>

• A copy of your child's birth certificate must be provided.

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A passport photo is required

Post Primary Transfer Consortium

Where will the tests take place?

- Pupils will sit the assessments in participating grammar schools. (Test Centres)
- Parents should nominate the preferred Test Centres on the Registration Form.
- Sitting the Assessments in a particular school does not imply a decision to apply to that school nor does it bring any advantage in the application process for Year 8 school places.

2022/23 Assessment content

- Both AQE and GL have provided information regarding the content and areas within their assessments which our P6 teachers are referring to.
- Details of these specifications are available on the GL and AQE websites.
- While some topics have been removed from the assessments, these are still key areas of the NI Curriculum that will be covered during P6 & P7 at HPS in readiness for your child going into Year 8.

2022/23 Adjustments

- From September we will be using the existing past papers from AQE, making allowances for the areas which will no longer be tested.
- We have adjusted our planning in light of the confirmed content specification.
- We will continue to provide extra revision on the topic areas which the children find most challenging.
- We are also working in partnership and using a similar approach to the other schools in the North Down area

NI Curriculum



All children in the remainder of their P6 year and during their P7 Year will be taught at levels appropriate to their ability ie: differentiated work. The main curricular areas taught are listed below.

www.nicurriculum.org.uk Key Stage 2

Key Stage 1 & 2 Areas of Learning

- Language and Literacy
- MN Mathematics and Numeracy
- A The Arts
- wau The World Around Us
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
- PE Physical Education
- RE Religious Education

Overview of the Key Stages 1 and 2 Curriculum

Skills and Capabilities Cross-Curricular Skills, Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

Connected Learning Similar skills are being developed and reinforced right across the curriculum

Assessment Arrangements

for Key Stages 1 & 2

& Assess Progress



Using ICT Key Stage 1 & 2



living

learning

together

www.nicurriculum.org.uk On a daily basis, children engage in active learning contexts across all areas of the curriculum to develop: **Cross-Curricular Skills Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.**

NI Curriculum (cont.)

Teachers **assess your child's progress** in these areas in different ways, for example:

- classroom observation
- discussion and asking questions
- classwork
- homework
- class tests
- assessment activities.



Independent learners

It has been and will continue to be our priority to support the needs of your child. We will teach them at a level appropriate to their understanding in preparation for them to progress to a post primary school which meets their needs and abilities and as they move towards becoming INDEPENDENT LEARNERS.



School work must be supported by homework (e.g use of Google Classroom). Approximately 45-55 minutes (without distractions!) > Spellings / Vocabulary >Mental Maths Written Homework (Maths/English) ***Learning Facts including table facts is of huge importance *** **Factual Quizzes – for revision and reinforcement of key topic areas** ➢ Reading

** To ensure good home / school links we expect all homework to be completed and to be of a <u>high standard</u>.**

NI Curriculum (cont.)

Please continue to refer to your child's Fact Books / information sheets provided by their class teacher which show clearly the areas for ongoing development and consolidation purposes.

Please encourage your child to read for enjoyment as much as possible. This helps extend their vocabulary and understanding.



Summer Packs

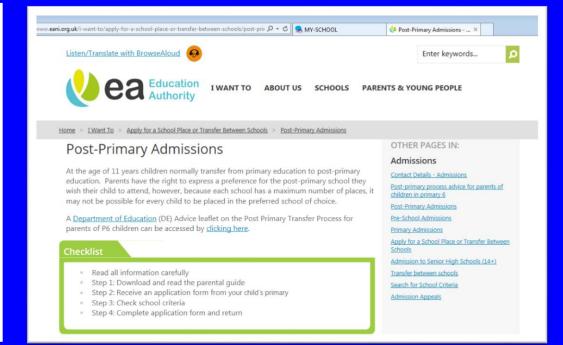
Summer Packs - Fairfields currently available to purchase from the school office. (No obligation to buy!) We do a range of P6 Windmill Press, P6 & P7 HPS produced & AQE past papers.

PLEASE DO NOT DO ANY PREVIOUS AQE OR HPS PRODUCED PAPERS AT HOME, BEFORE WE COMPLETE THEM IN SCHOOL.

www.eani.org.uk



Study admissions criteria very carefully



The EA uploads details about all the criteria for schools in N.I. in December 2022 / early January 2023

Post Primary Schools are hoping to be able to offer face-to-face tours in Term 2 of Primary 7. (January / February 2023) Virtual tours may also be uploaded on Post Primary School websites. In the meantime.... Seek views of parents / children attending the schools you may be considering.

Travel - provision of home to school transport.

Schools' policies on homework, uniform, discipline, etc.

The variety of extra curricular activities
available in schools.

Some schools have school fees. Bursaries are available. Discuss this directly with the schools e.g. Campbell, Rockport & RBAI

 The range of subjects & public examinations taken at schools (eg GCSEs) and their pupils' success in these exams.

- Pastoral support
- Sport / Music / Drama / Technology opportunities
- The arrangements schools make for pupils who may require additional individual support.
 - Your own, and your child's impression of a school is equally important as you begin to formulate possible choices of post primary schools.

Post Primary Schools that are regularly considered by HPS families

BANGOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL*	BLOOMFIELD COLLEGIATE *
CAMPBELL COLLEGE **	GLENLOLA COLLEGIATE *
LAGAN COLLEGE *	METHODIST COLLEGE *
OUR LADY & ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE *	
RBAI *	STRATHEARN SCHOOL *
SULLIVAN UPPER SCHOOL *	VICTORIA COLLEGE **
ASHFIELD BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ⁰	ASHFIELD GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ⁰
PRIORY INTEGRATED COLLEGE ^o	ROCKPORT SCHOOL ^o
Bangor Academy ⁰	Grosvenor Grammar School *
Bangor Academy ⁰ Hunter House College *	Grosvenor Grammar School * Regent House School *
Hunter House College *	Regent House School *
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AQE SCHOOLS 2022/23 FAMILIES FROM HPS CONSIDER (in alphabetical order) **Bangor Grammar Bloomfield Collegiate Campbell College*** **Gleniola Collegiate** Grosvenor **Methodist College Regent House** RBAI **Strathearn Sullivan Upper** Victoria College* Wellington College* *GL Assessment also GL Assessment 2022/23 FAMILIES FROM HPS CONSIDER Lagan College

Our Lady & St. Patrick's College

Campbell College (& AQE)

Victoria College (& AQE)

Wellington College (& AQE)

Useful websites:

THE TRANSFERTEST

<u>ALSO.....</u>



www.thetransfertutor.co.uk

*REGISTRATION Forms available *

The Transfer Application



DENI make available electronically an 'Advice to Parents' booklet. The final details and layout of how online choices applications are submitted via the **Education Authority Admissions portal will** be confirmed with parents and primary schools during Term 1 & Term 2 of your child's P7 year.

The Transfer Application (cont.)

List choice of schools in order of preference

ALL RELEVANT CRITERIA MUST BE EVIDENT ON THE APPLICATION PRIOR TO THE FINAL SUBMISSION No additional information can be included

on these forms after the closing date of applications.

Please study the admissions criteria of all schools very carefully. PARENTS must ensure all information is included and accurate.



TERM 1 P7

In addition to ongoing communcation between home and school, Parent-Teacher consultations are scheduled for early in Term 1 of P7. These consultations take place a number of weeks before timetabled P1-P6 consultations.

Mrs Hart & Mrs Riddall will discuss your child's progress and if appropriate at that stage, potential post primary school considerations can also be discussed.

Partnership

This is a partnership between Parent - Child - Teacher

Our focus is always on your children.

In addition to addressing the important areas of your child's well-being and social development, we will give you a realistic professional account of how your child's abilities present to us and also how you can support their educational progress.



TERM 2 P7

In January and February 2023, P7 parents will also be offered the opportunity to have a further discussion with HPS staff about post primary school choices.

We will also assist families by providing any additional paperwork required from the school, before a Year 8 application is submitted online by parents on behalf of their child.

And finally

CONTINUE TO LISTEN AND TALK TO YOUR CHILD AS YOU SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THIS NEXT STAGE IN THEIR EDUCATION.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER (relaying pastoral information to school is equally important)

The staff team will assist HPS families through this transition stage as post primary school choices are made. We will guide parents and pupils towards making decisions not solely based on experiences from the past, but on the world we live in now. Thank you for your continued support.