



11+ Admission for September 2022 *Frequently Asked Questions*

Notting Hill & Ealing High School (NHEHS) is part of the London 11+ Consortium, and all 14 schools in the Consortium share the same 11+ admissions test. The Consortium has decided that all 11+ 2022 applicants will sit the Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB) Common Pre-Test. We have prepared this document to answer your questions about the 11+ admissions process at Notting Hill & Ealing this year and to provide you with information about the ISEB Common Pre-Test.

How will NHEHS assess my daughter?

There are three elements to each 11+ application:

- Entrance test: all applicants will be invited to sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test.
- School reference: we apply to every applicant's school in late November for a confidential reference for your daughter.
- Interview: in January, all applicants who have sat the ISEB Pre-Test will be invited to attend a short, informal interview. Each element is explained in more detail below.

What is the ISEB Common Pre-Test?

The test is taken online and consists of four modules: verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, English and Maths. The test takes two and a half hours to complete and is an adaptive test, which means that the level of difficulty of the questions adapts according to the responses provided by applicants. The test is age-standardised and is designed to identify potential as well as attainment. As such, the test is accessible to pupils who have suffered disruption to their education as a result of the pandemic.

How should my daughter prepare for the test?

Practice tests are not available and no special preparation is required. However, it may be helpful for applicants' confidence if they are familiar with the nature and style of the test. Familiarisation materials are available on the [ISEB website](#), together with [detailed information for parents](#).

As stated on the ISEB website, whilst a degree of practice may help children to build their confidence and to feel secure in what is expected of them, repeated practice is not encouraged. *(NB. The ISEB website also refers to Common Entrance at 11+. Please note that this is a completely different test and is not the test we are using.)*

When and where should my daughter sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test?

There are three options for your daughter to sit the entrance test:

1. Here at NHEHS on **Tuesday 30th November 2021**
2. At another Consortium school to which she is also applying
3. At her own primary school, if they are holding an ISEB Pre-test sitting

The Consortium deadline by which all applicants must have sat the test is **Friday 10th December 2021**. It is expected that the majority of children will take the tests in their

own schools, but the Consortium will publish a calendar of dates when the test can be accessed in Consortium schools for those children whose school is unable to host the test. Closer to the application deadline, we will contact all NHEHS applicants to ask for confirmation of where they will sit the tests.

My daughter's school is not hosting the test. What should I do?

Please just let us know. Your daughter will be able to sit the tests at NHEHS or at any other London 11+ Consortium school to which she has applied.

My daughter is also applying to another school which is not in the Consortium, but which is also using the ISEB Common Pre-Test. Where should she sit the test?

Ideally, she should sit the test at her current school. If this is not possible, she should sit the test either at a Consortium school to which she has applied, or the other school to which she has applied, where that school is also using the ISEB Common Pre-Test. An applicant can only take the Common Pre-Test once in an academic year. Having taken the test, the applicant's results are shared with each school which has registered them. If an applicant takes the test more than once in the same academic year, the results from the first test will be used.

We live abroad. Can our daughter take the ISEB test abroad? What about the interview?

Yes, it is possible for applicants to take the Common Pre-Test overseas. Please ask your daughter's current school if they can invigilate the Common Pre-Test. If this is not possible, please contact the British Council in your country to see if they have suitable facilities nearby. If neither of these options are possible, parents will need to find an alternative venue which provides invigilation/exam services. ISEB does not allow candidates to be tested at their home, a tutor's house or anywhere which is not considered a professional venue.

You will need to provide details of the venue arrangements to us and we will communicate directly with the venue in order to provide candidate login details and supporting documentation. It may be possible for us to conduct interviews online.

My daughter has special educational needs. Is the ISEB test accessible for my daughter?

The ISEB Common Pre-Test is accessible to all applicants with a variety of special educational needs or disabilities. Reasonable adjustments may be applied, the nature of which will depend on the applicant's specific needs. You must inform us, when making your 11+ application, about any specific needs your daughter may have. There is a section on our 11+ application form for this purpose and you should also upload a copy of any educational psychologist's report or similar professional report.

Where appropriate, applicants can be given additional time to complete each test element. Applicants requiring extra time will take the manually timed version of the test. This version does not have an on-screen timer.

Do I need to register my daughter with ISEB?

No, as applicants are registered by the school to which they apply, **parents should not register their daughter for the Common Pre-Test themselves.** Please proceed as

usual to make your application to each school for which you would like your daughter to be considered, even if more than one school to which you are applying is using the ISEB Common Pre-Test this year.

What is NHEHS looking for?

NHEHS is an academically selective school and we are looking for pupils who will thrive in a scholarly environment with a wealth of extra-curricular activities on offer. We understand that our 11+ applicants are young and their education will have been disrupted by the pandemic. We are looking for potential, and for curious pupils with a love of learning, who will take advantage of the opportunities on offer at NHEHS.

How will Music and Sports Scholarships be assessed?

The Directors of Music and Sport will shortlist the applicants who they wish to see for assessment. The Sport assessment will be held on 12th January 2022 and Music auditions will take place on 27th and 28th January 2022.

Can we visit NHEHS?

Yes, we now have a number of 11+ open events scheduled for the Autumn Term, and these can be booked on our website. The Open Mornings, which are generally for parents only, will take place from 10.45am to 12.30 pm and involve talks from the Headmaster, Mr Shoults and our Head Girl Team, as well as a pupil-led tour of the school. There is also our Open Evening, for parents to attend with their daughters, which will take place on 13th October, and which can also be booked via our website.

When will I hear if my daughter has been offered a place?

Offers will be made on **Friday 11th February 2022**. The deadline to accept is **Monday 7th March 2022 at 12 noon**.

What do I need to do next?

Make sure you have applied to NHEHS online by **Friday 12th November 2021**.

By this date you must have paid the registration fee* and, if applicable, registered for a Music or Sport Scholarship and/or a bursary (**we may be able to waive the registration fee for bursary candidates - please contact the Admissions Team for further details*).

We appreciate there is a lot of information to digest, so please don't hesitate to contact our Admissions Team on 020 8991 2165 or at admissions@nhehs.gdst.net