

# Information Evening for P6 Parents

## May 2018



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*Welcome*  
*to*

# **GLENLOLA COLLEGIATE SCHOOL**

## **PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING**

on the

## **TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS**

for

## **2019**



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# *What is the AQE?*



- ❖ **AQE is a limited company formed by grammar schools, former pupils' associations and parents' groups**
  
- ❖ **It covers all of Northern Ireland**





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**Along with 33 other Grammar Schools,  
Glenlola Collegiate is a member of  
The Association for Quality Education  
(AQE)**



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# *The position of Glenlola Collegiate*



- ❖ **As a grammar school, we will continue to use the AQE arrangements**
- ❖ **Intake of 157 girls into Year 8**
- ❖ **90%+ of our leavers enter university or further education after 7 years' of school study**
- ❖ **We will be offering the AQE 'Common Entrance Assessment' (CEA Tests) as a means of taking up a place in our school**





# *The Tests*

- ❖ **AQE Ltd has prepared 3 tests**
- ❖ **Based on English and Mathematics**
- ❖ **The Tests will reflect the teaching currently taking place in P6 and P7**
- ❖ **You do have to register for the tests**
- ❖ **Sample papers available on the AQE website**





# ***What will these Tests involve?***



- ❖ **There will be 3 tests in Autumn 2018**
- ❖ **10<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December**
- ❖ **Tests will be taken at the same time on each date**
- ❖ **Type of questions will be similar across all 3 tests**
  - ❖ **Each test will last for 1 hour  
(10.00am to 11.00am)**





# *What will these Tests involve?*



- ❖ **Pupils can take all 3 tests or only 2 tests and their top 2 scores will produce the final mark**







# *Contents of the Tests*



**Each test will have:**

- ❖ **8 Mathematics items**
- ❖ **Poem 1, then 7 comprehension items**
- ❖ **8 Mathematics items**
- ❖ **Basic skills passage (lines numbered on the right), then 5 basic skills items**
- ❖ **8 Mathematics items**
- ❖ **Poem 2, then 7 comprehension items**
- ❖ **8 Mathematics items**
- ❖ **Prose passage, then 7 comprehension items**





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# *Registration for the Tests*



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- ❖ **Registration forms available between 2 May and 7 September 2018**
- ❖ **Available from AQE website, AQE office (Belfast), Glenlola Collegiate, other AQE schools**
- ❖ **Should be available from primary schools**
- ❖ **Closing date to register is Friday 7 September**
- ❖ **Advisable to have proof of posting or check that form has reached AQE**



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# ***What costs are involved?***



❖ **Entrance fee is £50.00**

❖ **This covers all 3 tests**

❖ **No charge for children entitled to free school meals**

❖ **You also need to provide BIRTH CERTIFICATE and 2 PASSPORT PHOTOS**





# *Where will the tests be taken?*

- ❖ In all AQE schools on the 3 Saturdays
- ❖ Glenlola Collegiate will be able to take approximately 230 entrants
- ❖ Where your child takes the tests has **NO BEARING ON YOUR CHOICE OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL**





# *What arrangements will we make to help pupils become familiar with the Exam room setting?*



- ❖ **Very important to make pupils feel as comfortable as possible**
- ❖ **AQE Ltd will inform you where the tests are to be taken and will issue Admission Cards**
- ❖ **FAMILIARISATION MEETINGS will be held in Glenlola Collegiate in October**
- ❖ **You are advised to register early with AQE for the tests**





# ***What happens on the test dates?***



- ❖ **Pupils will have had the benefit of a Familiarisation Meeting, held in each school in October**
- ❖ **Details will be published on our website and also directly from the School Office**
- ❖ **Members of our staff and senior girls will be present for each test to assist with the arrangements**





# ***What happens after all the tests are finished?***



- ❖ **Papers marked in 2 centres in Northern Ireland**
- ❖ **Best 2 scores count towards the final mark**
- ❖ **This will be age adjusted**





# ***What happens after all the tests are finished?***



❖ **Final mark will include special circumstances**

❖ **Results will be issued on Saturday 26 January 2019**

❖ **You may apply for a re-mark**







# *How do we/ apply to a grammar school?*



❖ **Application process starts after the results are issued**

❖ **Parent(s) meet with Primary Principal and complete Transfer form, stating your nominations of schools**





# *How do we/ apply to a grammar school?*



- ❖ **Transfer forms forwarded to First Preference schools**
- ❖ **School will put forms in rank order according to marks obtained**
- ❖ **You should nominate the school you wish your child to enter as the First Preference**





# ***How will Glenlola Collegiate deal with applications to join Year 8?***



- ❖ **First to be considered are those girls who sat the AQE CEA tests. They have priority. Admissions criteria will be published in 'EA Transfer Procedure 2019 booklet for parents'.**

**❖ The School has 157 places**

- ❖ **It will arrange applications in rank order of marks**





# *How will Glenlola Collegiate deal with applications to join Year 8?*



- ❖ **If a tie occurs at any point in the rank order, then further Admissions Criteria will be applied**
- ❖ **Schools will finalise Admissions Criteria by September 2018**





# *Special Circumstances*



- ❖ Usually refer to medical matters or serious problems that affected the child at the time of the test(s)
- ❖ Application form is available from AQE website and any AQE associated school after the tests
- ❖ This form should be brought to the Transfer interview with the Primary Principal.





# *Special Provisions*



**Special Provisions relate to a possible group of children who . . .**

- ❖ Either were not living in Northern Ireland at the time of the Tests, or . . .**
  
- ❖ Had received more than 50% of their primary education outside Northern Ireland, or . . .**
  
- ❖ Had entered for the Tests but unforeseen ill health (supported by full medical evidence) prevented them taking part**





# ***How will the School choose its new Year 8?***



- ❖ **Assume 200 applications from girls who sat AQE for the 157 places in Glenlola Collegiate**
  
- ❖ **Applications will be arranged in rank order based on their AQE score**





# *How will the School choose its new Year 8?*



**If more than one application for the 157<sup>th</sup> place is tied  
with the same AQE score then ...**

**❖ Further admissions criteria are applied until the final  
place can be allocated**

**❖ Admissions criteria will be published in  
*'EA Transfer Procedure 2019 booklet for parents'*.**







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# *How will the School choose its new Year 8?*



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❖ the remaining 43 applications will be returned to  
EA for their next choice of school



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# ***When will grammar schools confirm their final intake?***



- ❖ **May 2019 Schools to inform EA of final intake**
- ❖ **Schools will notify parents of their children's placement**
- ❖ **An appeals process will operate through the EA**
- ❖ **June 2019 Introductory Evening for 157 new girls and parents in Glenlola Collegiate**





# *Final Points*



- ❖ **Access arrangements – children with specific needs who require special conditions for the tests. A separate form ACC/18 should be filled out and sent with the Registration form**
- ❖ **The Test Centre will make suitable arrangements if the application is granted by AQE**
- ❖ **Closing date for Access requests –  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2018**





# *Final Points*

- ❖ We will make every effort to ensure that your child feels welcome and secure in the School.

## Sources of information for parents

- ❖ [www.aqe.org.uk](http://www.aqe.org.uk)
- ❖ [www.glenlolacollegiate.net](http://www.glenlolacollegiate.net)
- ❖ [www.bangorgrammarschool.org.uk](http://www.bangorgrammarschool.org.uk)
- ❖ [www.regenthouse.org.uk](http://www.regenthouse.org.uk)





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**Thank you very much for your  
attendance.**

**You are welcome to wait behind should  
you have any specific queries  
regarding the arrangements planned  
for your child's transfer in 2019**



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