

Transfer information for P6 Parents

May 2022



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INFORMATION FOR P6 PARENTS

on the

TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

for

2023



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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 in 2022/23**
- ❖ **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 2022**
- ❖ **19th November, 26th November, 3rd 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 minutes
(10.00am to 11.10am)**





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**





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Registration for the Tests



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- ❖ Registration is open from 4th May to 23rd September 2022
- ❖ AQE website – www.aqe.org.uk is where you can register and find out additional information about this process
- ❖ Closing date to register is Friday 23rd September



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What costs are involved?



❖ **Entrance fee is £60.00** (£30 non-refundable)

❖ **This covers all 3 tests**

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

❖ **You also need to be able to upload a copy of their BIRTH CERTIFICATE and a digital photograph**





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 4th February 2023**

❖ **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 on**

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/search-admissions-criteria>

- ❖ **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 in the autumn term of 2022**





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 and uploaded onto the EA Transfer Online Application portal with supporting evidence.





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 157th 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 on

**[https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/
search-admissions-criteria](https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/search-admissions-criteria)**





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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 2023 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 2023 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 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 – 23rd September 2022**





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
- ❖ www.glenlola.collegiate.net
- ❖ www.bangorgrammarschool.org.uk
- ❖ www.regenthouse.org.uk

