

The 11+ Timeline



A preparation guide for the 11+ exam to help your child pass!

YEAR 4 (JAN / FEB)

Start talking to your child about the Eleven-plus exam. Tell them what the test is, and make sure they understand the concept of grammar school so that you can decide as a family if it's the right option. If your child has weaknesses in English or maths, this is a good time to boost their skills.

YEAR 5 (SEP / DEC)

Use our Initial 11+ Assessment to understand your child's current ability. Preparation can start at this stage, but don't overdo it while there is still a year to go until the exam.

YEAR 5 (JAN)

We start our face-to-face courses in January, as we believe starting preparation at this time stops fatigue come exam time. Your child wants to sit exam at their peak; not when they have fallen off the wagon after starting too soon!

YEAR 5 (MAY / JUL)

Double check school admissions and applications processes and make sure everything is in order and you've applied for the exam (if necessary). Parent prep on school application process is as important as your child's prep.

YEAR 5 (JUL / AUG)

Eleven-plus content revision should begin in July and be spread over the summer holidays. Time to bring everything front of mind! August is an excellent time to do some mock exams. Mock exams are great for exam practice and identifying weak areas that need a pre-exam boost.

YEAR 6 (SEPT)

September is exam time, and further study at this time should be light and revision-based, with an emphasis on final confidence boosting. Watch out for exam stress which can seriously impact exam performance. See our guide on this.

