



Changes to the Admissions Tests for Torbay Schools

The Torbay Selective Schools propose changing the testing arrangements for admission into Year 7 in September 2019 with effect from September 2018.

The three grammar schools in Torbay (Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Torquay Girls' Grammar School and Churston Ferrers Grammar School) and The Spires College (a bi-lateral school) operate a co-ordinated entrance examination with all students taking the same tests on the same days.

Currently the test consists of two CEM* papers and an English writing paper.

The proposal is to remove the English writing paper as the four schools believe that the two CEM tests adequately cover the testing of English. It will mean less testing and may also result in lessening the advantage of extensive tutoring.

The tests will continue to be completed in one morning.

You are invited to make any comments regarding this proposal. If you wish to do so, please contact the Admissions Officer at Torquay Girls' Grammar School – address below – who will collate the responses received.

Comments must be received by 31st January 2018.

Copies of each School's Admissions Policy will be published on their websites.

*The CEM tests will assess verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning.

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