



A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE ENTRANCE TEST

WHEN?



**Saturday
26 September 2026**

WHAT TIME?

You should arrive at Parkstone Grammar School by 8.20 am on Testing Day

8.10 am - 8.20 am

Arrival and welcome - prefects will take you to your classroom

8.30 am Registration

Maths Test
- 50 Minutes

Break

English Test
- 45 Minutes

Break

Verbal Reasoning Test
- 50 Minutes

12 midday approx. - End of entrance test and collection of students

There will be a short break between each test. Use this time to have any snacks and drink you have brought with you and go to the toilet.

WHERE?



Parkstone Grammar School

Sopers Lane, Poole, BH17 7EP

DROP OFF & PICK UP

The car park will be very busy when you arrive - prefects will be there to take you from your car so that your parents won't have to park.

When the testing is finished you will be taken to your designated collection point where whoever is collecting you will be waiting.

TESTING ROOMS

The tests will take place in classrooms and students from the same school will be seated together wherever possible.

Breaks between tests will be in this classroom.



WHO TO ASK FOR HELP?

In the testing room there will be an invigilator (teacher) who will read out the test instructions and supervise each test. If you need anything during the test, please put up your hand to get the attention of the invigilator.

If you have any problems when you are not in the tests the prefects are there to help you. They all have badges on so you know their names. They still remember doing the tests themselves so whatever your worry or problem, just ask them!

WHAT TO BRING?



We are unable to provide refreshments so you may wish to **bring a bottle of water and small snacks** to place under your chair for breaks - no fizzy drinks please.

Pencils, a rubber, ruler and scrap paper will be provided on your desk so you don't need to bring any stationery. Calculators are not allowed for any of the tests.

Please do **NOT** bring a mobile phone, watch, sweets or any kind of mascot, which could distract you or others in the test.

A clock will be clearly visible in each classroom.

WHAT TO WEAR?

Whatever you feel comfortable in. We suggest layers in case you get hot or cold during the morning.

TESTING DAY TIPS

 Listen carefully to the invigilator when they are reading instructions, giving timings of the test etc.

 Remember to turn all the pages

1 Check the first question you answer is question 1

 Unsure? Put your hand up to ask the invigilator (teacher)

 Do not spend too long on each question - move on if necessary

 Try to answer all the questions - they are multiple-choice papers

It is better to attempt the question than to leave it

 Stay calm and don't panic! 

You can only do your best 😊

