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Dear Parent/Carer,

Change in 11+ Assessment Provider from September 2027

The four grammar schools in Slough — Langley Grammar School, Herschel Grammar School, Upton Court Grammar School and St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School — work together as the Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools to coordinate arrangements for entry into Year 7. The schools use a common 11+ entrance examination, which is administered under the same procedures across the consortium.

From September 2027, the Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools will use Quest Assessments as the provider of its 11+ entrance examination. Please note that this change applies to pupils who are currently in **Year 4 and** who will transfer to secondary school in September 2028. **There is no change to the test provider for the 11+ examination taking place in September 2026, for pupils transferring to secondary school in September 2027.**

The decision to change test provider follows a careful review. We remain committed to ensuring that the admissions process is fair for all pupils. The assessments are designed to be accessible, academically rigorous and effective in identifying pupils with the potential to thrive in a grammar school environment.

The assessment will continue to test mathematics, English, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. Results will also continue to be age-standardised. Pupils who achieve a score of 111 or above in the new tests will continue to be considered eligible for a grammar school place. The application process will remain unchanged. Parents will still apply using their home local authority's common application form by 31 October.

The Slough Consortium provides all Pupil Premium eligible children in Years 3 - 6 with free access to KS2 learning resources and assessment familiarisation to support student progress. You can find out more here: <https://www.atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/the-slough-consortium>

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the four grammar schools if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Kassapian
Headteacher