

Future Stories



The Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE) Entrance Test



Our entrance test is only for grammar schools, as we believe selective admissions can be an engine for social mobility.

The only content that is tested in our test is that which is in the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, up to the end of Year 5.

There is no Non-Verbal Reasoning: it is not on the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, so we don't believe it is fair to test children on this.

Our test is not about how much you can remember, but how you use what you have learnt at primary school.

Our test wants to see what you can do, not catch you out.

We've included sections on English, Maths and Creative Writing; just like you study at primary school.

One paper is multiple choice (choose the correct answer from several options), and the other is constrained response (where you fill in some boxes with numbers or letters).

The test results will be age-standardised, to take into account the different birth dates of children sitting the test.



The Creative Writing asks you to respond creatively to a prompt, with time to think/plan before starting. No right or wrong answers there!

We know that all children are different, so wherever appropriate, children with Special Educational Needs (including visual impairments) should be able to access all sections of the test.

There are no past papers nor approved resources available. No company or tutor has any inside knowledge of the test.



Instead of tutors, we encourage children to work hard at primary school and be familiar with the English, Maths and Creative Writing parts of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum.

Find the familiarisation guide on the secondary school's website. It shows you what our test looks like and how to fill in the answer sheets, so no nasty surprises on test day.

We have written our test with children in mind: from choice of words in the questions, simplifying the instructions and giving you enough space for working out and planning.

