



Homefield Preparatory School

How we successfully prepare boys for Entrance Exams

At Homefield we fully support parents who consider entry to schools for Year 7, whether it is to the local state grammars or preparation for the pre-tests to such schools as Westminster and St Paul's. Below, we have outlined how we support and prepare our boys for success in Year 6.

1. **Core subject delivery**

The syllabus across English and Maths goes above and beyond national curriculum expectation and is well supplemented with our specialist teachers helping our boys excel in other areas such as sport, music and languages. We have around 20-25% of our roll opt for and secure selective state grammar placements. Over the last 5 years our most popular output at 13+ is King's College School, Wimbledon following our performance with their 11+ pre-tests.

2. **Discrete examination preparation sessions (Verbal and Non-verbal Reasoning)**

All students in Years 4 and 5 have timetabled lessons where they are tutored to hone their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills and work on answering Maths and English questions accurately and within a specific time period. Boys in Year 6 also have a timetabled library session where they are given time to enhance these skills, or loan preparation materials to take home.

3. **Subscription to 11+ on line prep**

We provide all of our boys, from the Spring half term of Year 4 and into Year 5, with a personal subscription to the 'BOFA' website. The site offers on-line English, Maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning practice and also gives targeted feedback to both individual pupils and the school.

4. **Interview Preparation**

All independent senior schools invite students to an interview as part of the admissions process. In order to ensure our boys are prepared, we offer excellent seminar sessions with the Headmaster and our Deputy Heads.

5. **Parent consultation with the Headmaster**

As always, Mr Towers prides himself on offering parents the opportunity to discuss the learning journey of their son with him in private conversations. All data is considered and future options discussed together.

6. **Scholarship Preparation**

Many of our boys are awarded scholarships by senior independent schools in Sport, Art, Drama, Music, Academic or as an All-rounder. Our specialist teachers work with parents to prepare their sons for these scholarships; advising, guiding and supporting them through the process. We offer internal scholarships for academic, sporting, musical and artistic talents.