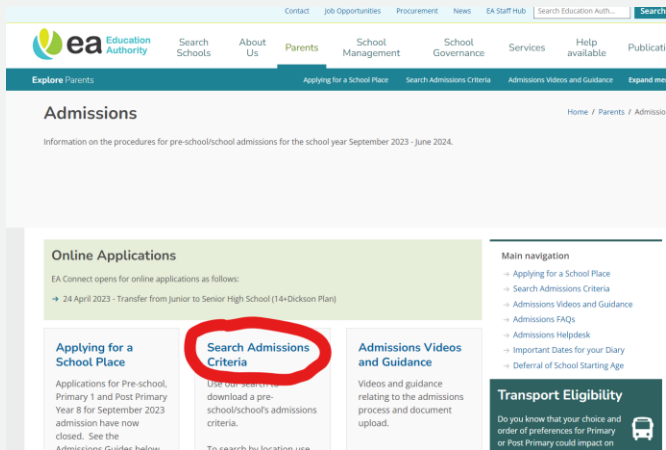


Transfer to Post Primary



Moving on ...

- September 2025 onto 'big' school
- Post Primary – Grammar and Non Grammar
- All schools have set Admissions Criteria- published on Education Authority website in November.



- Applications for Year 8 entry in September 2025 are made in February 2025-EA will confirm the dates.

Admissions Criteria

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Cambridge Avenue

Ballymena BT42 2EH

Telephone: 028 2564 3151

Fax No: 028 2565 1239

Website: www.cambridgehouse.org.uk

E-mail: info@cambridgehousegrammar.ballymena.ni.sch.uk

Principal: Mr Phillip Elliott MA (Oxon), FRCO, PGCE, PQH (NI)

Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mrs Joanne Millar BA (Hons)

Controlled Grammar School
(Non-denominational)

Age Range of pupils: 11-19 years

Admissions Number: 140

Enrolment Number: 900

OPEN MORNING INFORMATION

The School will be open for visits by parents/guardians and prospective pupils on

Saturday 28 January 2023, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

The Principal will address parents/guardians at 9.30 am and 11.00 am in the Assembly Hall.

To parents/guardians naming Cambridge House Grammar School as a preference on their child's transfer application:

Entrance Test Results

Please ensure that the following information is uploaded with the transfer application:

- AQE Common Entrance Assessment standardised score.
- AQE Statement of Result as verification.

Special Circumstances and/or Special Provision

If you are making a claim for your child to be considered under Special Circumstances or Special Provisions, please note that you are required to provide the documentation outlined in the relevant paragraphs below. It is emphasised that the onus is on the parents/guardians to ensure that as wide as possible a range of relevant academic evidence is provided and is uploaded with the transfer application.

Special Circumstances

Parents/Guardian wishing to claim Special Circumstances must complete form SC23 available from AQE. The completed form – together with the appropriate documentary evidence corroborating the claim for Special Circumstances – must be uploaded with the transfer application.

Special Provision

Parents/Guardians wishing to claim Special Provision must complete form SC23 available from AQE. The completed Form – together with appropriate documentary evidence corroborating the claim for Special Provision – must be uploaded with the transfer application. Special Provision will not be considered in advance of the school's receipt of the transfer application from the Education Authority.

It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to obtain full information on the pupil's academic performance and test results and provide these to Cambridge House Grammar School. No information will be sought by Cambridge House Grammar School directly from the Primary School.

Admissions Criteria- (like for Kells and Connor P1 intake) sets out how pupils are selected for entry to the school. Parents/Guardians state how pupils meet this criteria on their online application.

Online Applications will open @12 Noon on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and close at 4pm on Thursday 23 February 2023.

www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Number of Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2020/21	140	146	140
2021/22	140	141	138
2022/23	143*	169	143

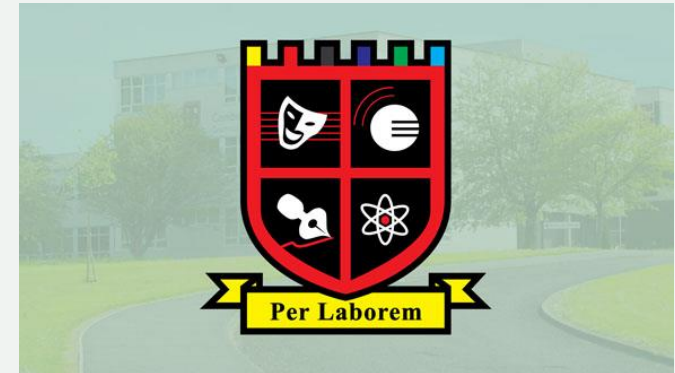
The above figures do not include children with Special Educational Needs

*Temporary Variation (3)

- Criteria also gives an indication of applications and admissions for the previous three years.

Entrance Exams

- Some schools, mostly Grammar Schools, use scores from Entrance Exams as their number 1 criteria when selecting pupils.



History

- The last 11+ was held in November 2008.
- 2009 Entrance Exams were introduced by Grammar Schools as a method of selecting pupils for Year 8/1st Year.
- AQE Test and GL Test – different schools used different tests. Some schools used both.
- 2022- The last AQE and GL Tests.
- 2023 – The **Schools' Entrance Assessment Group (SEAG)** set up. This is a new group bringing altogether all schools who use Entrance Assessments under one body. The 'new' tests will be a mixture of GL and AQE style questions.
- Parents will register pupils who wish to sit the Entrance Assessment via the SEAG website <https://seagni.co.uk/>

SEAG website



Step 1

Parent/Guardian Registration

Parent/Guardian will be able to register their child when this page opens.



Step 2

Pupil Application

Submit the information to the SEAG website and request the location of the assessment centre to attend.



Step 3

Essential Documentation

Upload necessary documentation such as identification materials, birth certificate and passport size photograph.



Step 4

Optional Documentation

Provide documentation to support your request for access arrangements (if required).



Step 5

Payment

Each application requires an administration fee of £20 which will be paid through the website. Those entitled to Free School Meals (FSME) will not be required to submit a fee, but will need to provide the necessary verification of FSME status.



Step 6

Registration Complete

Your completed registration will be confirmed through the online system.

Admissions Process Change

- The assessment being used by all selective post primary schools in N Ireland is changing. Every one of the 62 schools that use academic selection within their admissions process will now use the outcomes from an assessment provided by the Schools' Entrance Assessment Group (SEAG).
- You will need to register on the SEAG website. Having registered you will be able to complete an online Pupil Application for your child to sit the Assessment.
- The Parent Registration and Pupil Application period will run from **Wednesday 3 May 2024 until 20th September 2024.**
- The 2024 SEAG Entrance Assessment consists of two papers. The first will be held on **Saturday 16th November** and the second on **Saturday 23rd November.**
- Each paper has **28 English** and **28 Maths** questions.

SEAG Dates



News

12.03.2024

SEAG 2024 Entrance Assessment – Registration Period

REGISTRATION OF PUPILS FOR THE 2024 ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT WILL OPEN AT 8.00am MONDAY 20th MAY 2024 AND CLOSE ON FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2024 at 11.59pm. Only pupils who are registered can sit the Entrance Assessment.----- We are pleased to confirm the dates which we previously announced for the 2024 Entrance Assessment i.e. Saturday 16th November 2024 (Paper 1) and Saturday 23rd November 2024 (Paper 2). Pupils sit both Papers. -----
----- The Registration Period when parents / guardians can register their children to sit the 2024 Entrance Assessment will be announced this week. ----- The Specification and Format for the SEAG 2024 Entrance Assessment are identical to those used for 2023 and are in the Guidance for Parents – Resources Section of this website,



SEAG Papers

- A combination of the old AQE and GL papers.
- A mixture of single answer questions and multiple choice answers.

ENGLISH - MAIN TEST

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	B <input type="checkbox"/>		B <input type="checkbox"/>		B <input type="checkbox"/>		B <input type="checkbox"/>		B <input type="checkbox"/>
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6	A <input type="checkbox"/>	7	A <input type="checkbox"/>	8	A <input type="checkbox"/>	9	A <input type="checkbox"/>	10	A <input type="checkbox"/>
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ENGLISH COMPREHENSION continued

23	24
25	26
27	28

MATHS - MAIN TEST

29
A - 257 ☐
B - 353 ☐
C - 357 ☐
D - 253 ☐
E - 247 ☐

30
A - 8 ☐
B - 3 ☐
C - 6 ☐
D - 4 ☐
E - 2 ☐

31
A - Equilateral triangle ☐
B - Circle ☐
C - Pentagon ☐
D - Square ☐
E - Parallelogram ☐

32
A - $\frac{1}{3}$ ☐
B - $\frac{1}{4}$ ☐
C - $\frac{3}{4}$ ☐
D - $\frac{4}{8}$ ☐
E - $\frac{2}{3}$ ☐

33
A - 6 glasses ☐
B - 8 glasses ☐
C - 9 glasses ☐
D - 11 glasses ☐
E - 12 glasses ☐

34
A - 15, 19 ☐
B - 17, 21 ☐
C - 16, 20 ☐
D - 17, 22 ☐
E - 15, 20 ☐

35
A - $\frac{1}{4}$ ☐
B - $\frac{2}{8}$ ☐
C - $\frac{1}{9}$ ☐
D - $\frac{4}{16}$ ☐
E - $\frac{5}{20}$ ☐

36
A - £1.99 ☐
B - £1.95 ☐
C - £1.80 ☐
D - £1.60 ☐
E - £1.50 ☐

37
A - 0.025 ☐
B - 0.25 ☐
C - 0.5 ☐
D - 1.4 ☐
E - 2.5 ☐

38
A - Maya - 12 g more ☐
B - Tamlyn - 12 g more ☐
C - Tamlyn - 30 g more ☐
D - Maya - 32 g more ☐
E - Tamlyn - 32 g more ☐

39
A - 25 ☐
B - 37 ☐
C - 61 ☐
D - 24 ☐
E - 15 ☐

40
A - -8°C ☐
B - -9°C ☐
C - -10°C ☐
D - -11°C ☐
E - -13°C ☐

41
A - £11.22 ☐
B - £12.07 ☐
C - £11.82 ☐
D - £12.27 ☐
E - £11.07 ☐

42
A - 25% ☐
B - 40% ☐
C - 50% ☐
D - 60% ☐
E - 80% ☐

43
A - 300 g ☐
B - 180 g ☐
C - 1200 g ☐
D - 1800 g ☐
E - 112 g ☐

44
A - 270 minutes ☐
B - 268 minutes ☐
C - 260 minutes ☐
D - 248 minutes ☐
E - 240 minutes ☐

45
A - 1321 ☐
B - 1421 ☐
C - 1621 ☐
D - 1521 ☐
E - 1221 ☐

46
A - 6.4 m ☐
B - 9 m ☐
C - 16 m ☐
D - 8 m ☐
E - 7 m ☐

47
A - 12 years ☐
B - 9 years ☐
C - 10 years ☐
D - 18 years ☐
E - 15 years ☐

48
A - (3, 1) ☐
B - (1, 3) ☐
C - (7, 3) ☐
D - (7, 1) ☐
E - (7, 5) ☐

49
A - £1.90 ☐
B - 95p ☐
C - 90p ☐
D - 85p ☐
E - 55p ☐

50
A - Victoria ☐
B - Manjit ☐
C - Jacob ☐
D - Cameron ☐
E - Satoshi ☐

51
_____ kg

52
_____ minutes

53
_____ m

54
_____ km

55
_____ triangles

56
_____ biscuits

Spelling Exercise

11 Let's go to the mountains this summer – that would be my preference.

A B C D

19

Look at lines 26–30.

What does the crowd think of the conjurer in this paragraph?

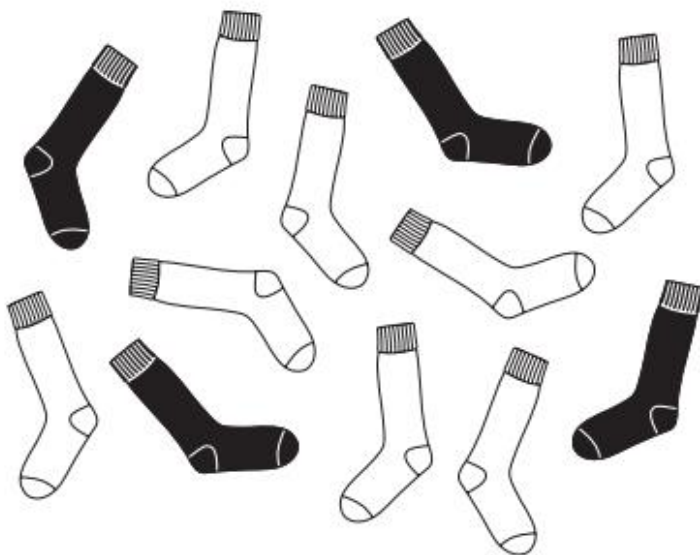
- A They think he is extraordinary.
- B They are unsure about his tricks.
- C They are very annoyed with him.
- D They admire his talent and skill.
- E They have a poor opinion of him.

For this question, you have to **write your answer** in the box provided on your answer sheet (box P5).

P5

Which **one word** from the passage means 'snug'?

32



Jay has these black socks and white socks.

What fraction of Jay's socks are black?

A $\frac{1}{3}$

B $\frac{1}{4}$

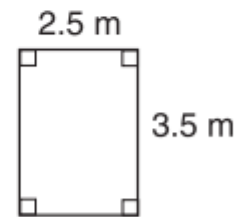
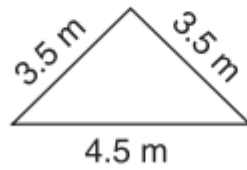
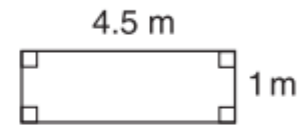
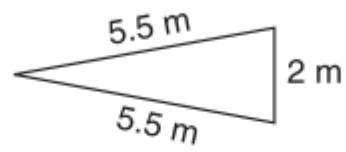
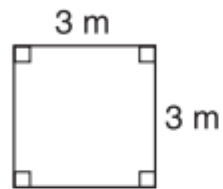
C $\frac{3}{4}$

D $\frac{4}{8}$

E $\frac{2}{3}$

53

Five shapes are shown below:



What is the perimeter of the shape that has the longest perimeter?



Preparing your Child

- Pupils will complete practice papers in school – practice tests will be set in the new SEAG format.
- P6 pupils will do one test per week on a Tuesday morning.
- Tests will be marked on the day the test is completed and sent home.
- Recommended that one test per week should be completed over the summer to maintain progress – a test pack will be organised by school.
- In P7, pupils will do two tests per week on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Results

On the SEAG dashboard pupils will receive

EnglishSAS MathsSAS TotalSAS Band Cohort Percentile

- Previous entry scores are a useful tool to help guide parents, but nothing is certain based on previous entry scores.
- <https://www.thetransfertutor.co.uk/lowest-scores>

Antrim Grammar (Antrim) – AQE & GL

2022 Total Applications – 159

2022 Approved Admissions – 112

2022 Lowest Score – Band 4 (AQE 94-98 and GL Cohort 30-39)

Tie-break went to 3(ii) and not all eldest children got in, only those who went to the Primary School ranked 2 on the list in the admission criteria.

Previous Years

Lowest Score 2020 – Band 4 (AQE 94-98 and GL Cohort 30-39)

Lowest Score 2019 – Band 4 (AQE 94-98 and GL Cohort 30-39)

Lowest Score 2018 – Band 4 (AQE 94-98 and GL Cohort 30-39)

Lowest Score 2017 – AQE 99-102

Lowest Score 2016 – AQE 94-98

Lowest Score / Grade 2015 – AQE 89, GL 31

Lowest Score / Grade 2014 – AQE 89, no GL

Ballymena Academy (Ballymena) – AQE

2022 Total Applications – 186

2022 Approved Enrolment – 177

Lowest Score 2022 – 78

Previous Years

Lowest Score 2020 – unknown

Lowest Score 2019 – 95

Lowest Score 2018 – 95

Lowest Score 2017 – 81

Lowest Score 2016 – 94

Lowest Score 2015 – unknown

Lowest Score 2014 – unknown

Cambridge House Grammar (Ballymena) – AQE

2022 Total Applications – 180

2022 Approved Enrolment – 140

Lowest Score 2022 – 90

Previous Years

Lowest Score 2020 – 90

Lowest Score 2019 – 90

Lowest Score 2018 – 86

Lowest Score 2017 – 85

Lowest Score 2016 – 87

Lowest Score 2015 – 85

Lowest Score 2014 – 84

Slemish Integrated College (Ballymena) – AQE & GL

2022 Total Applications – 269

2022 Approved Admissions – 140

2022 Lowest Score – For Grammar – Band 6 (AQE 88 – 93 and GL 20 – 29 Cohort Percentile)

** Grammar intake = 49 places (35%) and All-Ability = 91 places (65%).*

Previous Years

Lowest Grade 2020 – Band 5 (AQE 94-94 and GL 30-39 Cohort Percentile)

Lowest Grade 2019 – Band 5

Lowest Band 2018 – Band 4

Lowest Band 2017 – Band 4

Lowest Grade 2016 – AQE 94-98, GL 30-39

Lowest Grade 2015 – GL C1

Lowest Grade 2014 – GL C1

**Total Standardised Age
Scores (TSAS):
GL / AQE / SEAG**

Approx PPTC /GL "Equivalent" SAS	SEAG TSAS	Approx AQE "Equivalent" SAS	SEAG Band	SEAG Cohort Percentile
282	282	130	1	100
258	236		1	90
249	224	113	1	80
242	215	109	1	70
236	207	106	1	60*
231	200	103	2	50*
226	193	99	3	40*
220	185	94	4	30*
214	175	88	5	20*
200	<175		6	<20

*This is the minimum cohort percentile needed for that Band

**Grades Vs
SEAG TSAS**

Minimum PPTC /GL SAS needed for Grade	PPTC/ GL Grade	Approx Equivalent SEAG TSAS
234	A	206
229	B1	197
224	B2	190
219	C1	183
213	C2	174
<213	D	<174

Source - SEAG



**DON'T
WORRY!**

If doing practice papers- don't worry at this point about trying to work out equivalent Standardised Scores, just focus on supporting and encouraging your child to do their best. It's a long process and hard on everyone. The key thing on focus on is selecting the best school for your child. We are very fortunate of have good schools in this area to pick from.

