



The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

**Information Guide
2012 Entry**

11+
Selective Test



**SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION FORM
enclosed – see page 11**

**PRACTICE PACK
ORDER FORM
enclosed
– see page 13**

**To gain entry to the following
selective schools ONLY:**

- Chelmsford County High School for Girls
- King Edward VI Grammar School
- Colchester County High School for Girls
- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- Cecil Jones College
- Shoeburyness High School
- Southend High School for Girls
- Southend High School for Boys
- St. Bernard's High School and Arts College
- St. Thomas More High School for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Girls
- Westcliff High School for Boys



Introduction

Welcome to the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE).

This CSSE booklet has been compiled to answer the most frequently raised questions in respect of the selective procedure.

If you have a query not covered in this booklet please contact the Selective Schools' Secretary, at the Consortium Office on telephone number:

01245 348257

Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex postal address:

**PO Box 3087, Chelmsford
Essex CM1 3SY**

Email:

sifadmin@csse.org.uk (operational from 5/9/11)

Website:

www.csse.org.uk

Autumn Term Opening Hours (school term time only):

9am-4.30pm (Monday-Friday)



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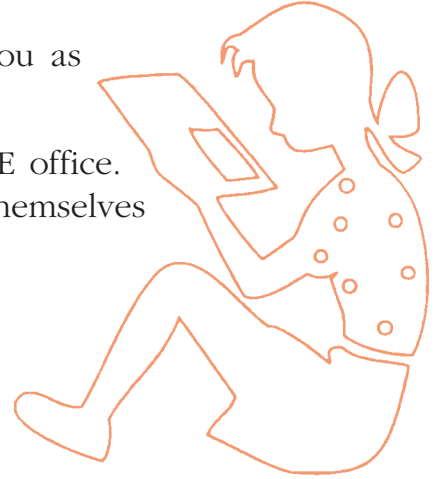
BACKGROUND

The Consortium was formed in 1993 as a voluntary association. The same selective test is utilised by the twelve Consortium selective schools and saves children, whose parents express a preference for more than one selective school, having to take multiple tests.

Your child will take three separate tests, one in English, one in Mathematics and one in Verbal Reasoning.

Your child will take the tests in the selective school you as parents have nominated as your preferred test centre.

Practice papers are available for purchase from the CSSE office. These are useful in helping the applicants familiarise themselves with the format of the test papers.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for receipt of CSSE Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)**31/10/11**

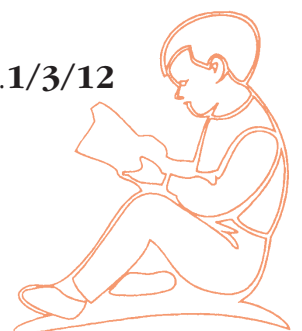
- Deadline for sending Local Authority Application forms:
 - Essex Local Authority**31/10/11**
 - Southend Local Authority**31/10/11**

- Test centre information is posted to parents.....**9/11/11**

- The tests will take place 19th November 2011, on a Saturday. If your religion does not allow your child to take them on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply a Doctor's certificate, arrangements will be made for your child to take the test on Wednesday 30th November 2011. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss.

- CSSE results despatched to parents**1/3/12 (close of business)**

- National offer date.
 - Local authorities send out secondary school offers to parents.....**1/3/12**



APPLICATION FOR SELECTIVE PLACES AT THE TWELVE CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS

How do I Apply for a Place at a Consortium School?

To apply for a place at a Consortium School for your child you must name the school as one of your preferences on the Local Authority Common Application Form and register your child to sit the 11+ tests by completing the Consortium's Supplementary Information Form.

Naming your Selective School Preferences on the Common Application Form.

The Local Authority Common Application Form and Guidance Notes will be distributed to all parents of Year 6 children via their children's primary schools in early September 2011. All Consortium Schools that you wish to apply for must be named as preferences on this form. This form must be returned to your Home Local Authority; the addresses of Essex and Southend Local Authorities are listed on page 3.

If you do not receive your Local Authority Secondary Admissions Booklet by 16th September 2011 then you should contact your child's primary school or your Local Authority.

Registering Your Child to Sit the 11+ Tests.

From 5th September 2011 parents can complete the registration form on line or on paper. On line registration is provided via our website csse.org.uk. Alternatively, please complete the form on pages 11 and 12 of this booklet and return it to the Consortium Office (address on page 3).

The deadline to register your supplementary information form online **OR** by post is 31st October 2011.

The test registration of a child only has validity in conjunction with a Common Application Form that names at least one Consortium School as a preference for that child. Parents who change their minds or who, for any other reason, submit a test registration form without naming a Consortium School on their Common Application Form, should inform the Consortium Office as soon as possible so that their child's test registration can be cancelled.

Stating a Preference on the Local Authority Common Application Form is the only way of Applying for a Place at a State School.

Because all of the twelve Consortium Schools are maintained by the State, application for places must be made on your Local Authority Common Application Form. Completing only the test registration form does not constitute a valid application for a place at a Consortium School. Parents must use the Common Application Form of the Local Authority in which they live, even if the schools that they name as preferences on the form are in a different Authority.

Completing Both Forms at the Same Time to ensure Consistency.

Please make every effort to provide your child's details in the same format on both forms. This will lead to faster processing of your child's application.

Date for the Return of Both Forms.

The 31st October 2011 is the date for the return of Common Application Forms to the Essex Local Authority and to the Southend Local Authority. There can be penalties for late application imposed by Local Authorities, so please ensure that both forms are returned on time. If you live in a different Local Authority then you should adhere to that Authority's deadline for the return of your Common Application Form, but still submit your child's test registration form to the Consortium Office by 31st October 2011. **Do not send the CSSE form to your local authority.**

Useful addresses and phone numbers for the process of Application.

1. Below are the addresses for the Essex and Southend Authorities:

School Planning and Admissions	Pupil Access Team
Schools Children and Families Directorate	Southend on Sea Borough Council
Essex County Council	Department of Children and Learning
P.O. Box 4261	5th Floor, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue
Chelmsford CM1 1GS	Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER
Tel: 0845 6032200	Tel: 01702 215007 (Ext. 5914) Fax: 01702 432273
Email: admissions@essex.gov.uk	Email: admissions@southend.gov.uk

2. The Consortium Office, who supply this booklet can be contacted to answer queries about application to the twelve Consortium Schools. Your child's Test Registration Form (page 11 and 12 in this booklet) must be returned to the Consortium office at the following address:

Consortium of Selective Schools
Administrative Office,
P.O. Box 3087, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3SY
Telephone: (01245) 348257, Fax: (01245) 350522
Website: www.csse.org.uk Email: sifadmin@csse.org.uk

Information that you will receive from the Consortium Office.

Parents who have made a valid application will receive three separate communications from the Consortium Office as detailed below.

Confirmation that the Office has received your child's test centre registration form.

If you have applied by post, confirmation will be posted to you within two weeks of the receipt of your child's Test Registration Form. Please supply a stamped self-addressed envelope with your CSSE Registration Form, **and ensure you have affixed the correct postage, underpaid items will NOT be delivered to the CSSE office.** Please phone the Consortium Office if you do not receive confirmation within this time.

If you have applied online you will receive **ONLY** email confirmation.

Information that you need on the 11+ test day.

On 9th November 2011, a CSSE letter will be posted to you confirming where you should take your child for the selection test on **Saturday 19th November 2011 and at what time you should arrive.** In some cases a school may need to have more than one sitting to accommodate the number of candidates. Since we are unable to confirm whether morning or afternoon sittings have been allocated, you are asked to keep the whole day free.

It is particularly important if you have not received a test centre letter and you are applying from a Local Authority other than Essex or Southend, that you contact the CSSE Office on 01245 348257.

We are unable to alter test sittings once they have been allocated. If you have exceptional circumstances that prevent you from attending your confirmed sitting please contact the CSSE immediately.

11+ Test Results will be sent to Parents on 1st March 2012.

Test results will be posted OR emailed (close of business) according to your method of registration on **1st March 2012** to all those parents whose children sat the tests the previous November and whose preferences for Consortium Schools, as stated on the Common Application Form, have been confirmed to the Consortium by their Local Authorities. The test results letter will not contain an offer of a school place.

Assessment of a child is only undertaken by the Consortium in relation to application and admission to the twelve Consortium Schools. Test results are not provided to parents who do not express a valid preference for at least one Consortium School on their Local Authority Common Application Form. The processing of a child's test papers by the Consortium is dependent on confirmation from the relevant Local Authority that a valid application has been made for that child to a Consortium School.

It is therefore important that parents only bring their child to a Consortium school for testing if they have expressed preferences to their Local Authority on behalf of the child for at least one Consortium School.

Place Offers will be sent to you by your Local Authority.

March 1st 2012 is National Offer Day when all Local Authorities are required to send letters to parents informing them of the outcome of their applications to secondary schools. Any questions that you may have about this letter's arrival or its contents should be addressed to your Local Authority.

Most frequently asked questions about the Selective Tests:

Q *How old should my child be when he/she sits the test?*

- A – The test is normally available to children registered in year 6 who are aged 11 years but under 12 years on the 31st August 2012. Your child's date of birth should fall between 1st September 2000 and 31st August 2001. Many children will be 10 when he/she sits the tests but they should be 11 by the time they start secondary school.

Q *Should my child sit the tests even if I don't name a Selective School on the Local Authority form?*

- A – No. The purpose of the tests is to gain entry into one of the CSSE schools. We will not process the results if a valid application has NOT been made to the Local Authority for a CSSE school choice/s.

Q *What if my child is less than 11 years old on 31st August 2012 and I want him/her to sit the test?*

- A – The Consortium does not encourage early entry other than in exceptional circumstances. The decision to allow a pupil to take the 11+ examination early lies with the admissions committees of the school/s for which a parent expresses a preference. Under-age pupils are those who would be less than 11 years old on 31st August 2012 and must be registered in Year 6 at the time of application. Please contact the CSSE for further details on "under-age" entry arrangements.

Q *What are the tests?*

- A – There will be an English test of 40 minutes, a Mathematics test of 35 minutes followed by a 20 minute break and then a multiple choice Verbal Reasoning test lasting 50 minutes. It may also be helpful to know that the final scores for individual papers, after mathematical standardisation, are themselves "weighted", Verbal Reasoning being worth 50% of the total marks, English and Maths 25% each.

Q *When do the tests take place?*

- A – **The tests will take place 19th November 2011, on a Saturday.** If your religion does not allow your child to take them on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply a Doctor's certificate, arrangements will be made for your child to take the test on Wednesday 30th November 2011. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss.

Q *Will my child have the opportunity to take practice papers?*

- A – Your child's present school may help you with this, but remember that children only need a limited amount of practice to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and timing. The Mathematics and English tests will be based on Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum. Suitable practice material is available commercially from major booksellers. However, please note that these are tests based at a similar level but are not of the same format as the 11+ papers. Additionally, the CSSE is pleased to be able to offer various practice papers following the 11+ format. **We would advise you to purchase the Verbal Reasoning multiple choice practice paper to familiarise your child with completing the answer sheet.** Please refer to page 10 of this Guide for a sample multiple choice verbal reasoning answer sheet and instruction.
(Please see the enclosed order form (page 13) for prices and the available papers on sale.)

Q *Where does my child take the tests?*

- A – Your child will usually take the tests in the selective school you have nominated for the test. **Important: Once your nominated test centre has been confirmed we will be unable to alter it.** Your child will take the tests either in a large hall or classroom. There will be adults in charge of each room overseeing the conduct of the tests who will answer any questions the candidates have before the tests start. It is important to arrive in time for your child to be shown where the toilets are and for him/her to settle into the test room well before the tests begin.

Q *What happens if something else occurs near (or on) the day of the test which prevents my child performing at their best?*

- A – When you present your child for the test it is expected that you are satisfied that there are no other circumstances that have occurred that will prevent him/her from performing to their best. If anything has occurred that you know may affect their performance you must advise the test centre prior to the test being taken.

Q *What happens if we have difficulty getting to the test centre?*

- A – If there are atrocious weather conditions making travel difficult, listen to Essex Radio, BBC Essex or BBC Suffolk where we will make announcements if the tests are to be cancelled. If the bad weather conditions are local to you, telephone the Selective Schools Administration Office. In all other circumstances you should telephone the school where you are taking the test for advice.

Q *What should my child bring with them to the test centre?*

- A – Your child need only bring a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. Your child does not need to wear school uniform. **Please note that the use of electronic calculators of any description (including calculator watches) is not permitted. Please do not allow your child to bring them to the examination. Mobile phones should not be brought to test centres by children.**

Drinks and snacks are not permitted during the tests unless you have notified us in writing of a specific medical condition. Refreshment break arrangements will be confirmed with your test centre letter.

Q *What happens if my child is ill on the day of the test?*

- A – If you are at all uncertain about your child's health on the day of the test please withdraw your child by contacting the test centre direct. **Subject to confirmation from your doctor**, we will arrange for the test to be taken on an alternative date.

Questions in relation to Preference/Admissions/Appeals

Q *What advice would you give about the order that I put my preferences on the Local Authority Form?*

- A – Our advice is that you should list your chosen schools in your true order of preference. If your first choice is one of the Consortium Schools then you should put it first on your list. This will not prejudice your application to the other schools in your list of preferences.

Q *Will the Local Authority offer my child one school place only or offers at all my chosen schools for which my child has met the Admissions Criteria?*

- A – The Local Authority will only offer your child one school place. This will be the highest placed school in your list of preferences for which your child meets the Admissions Criteria. You will not be offered additional places at the other schools lower on your list, even if your child meets their Admissions Criteria.

If your child does well enough in the 11+ tests to be offered a place at one of your chosen Consortium Schools and you have placed this school as your first preference then a place will be offered to him/her at that school. If, however, you place another school above the Consortium School and your child meets the Admission Criteria for this other school, then the Local Authority will offer your child a place at the other school.

Q *What happens if my Child does not meet the Admissions Criteria for my First Preference School?*

- A – If your child does not meet the Admissions Criteria of your first preference school then your second preference moves up the list and is treated as your new "first preference" by the Local Authority. The Local Authority will apply this school's Admission Criteria and decide whether or not your child meets them and should be offered a place.

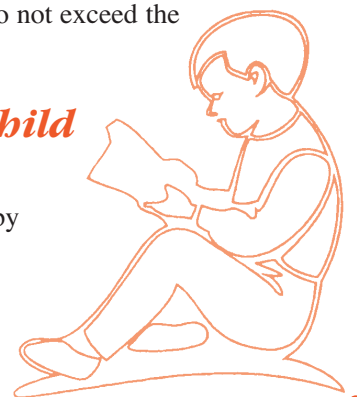
Q *Can I name more than one Consortium School on my Local Authority Common Application Form?*

- A – Yes, you can name as many Consortium Selective Schools as you like, as long as you do not exceed the number of preferences allowed by your Local Authority.

Q *Can I appeal against the decision to refuse my child a place at one of my chosen schools?*

- A – Information about how to appeal against a refusal of a school place will be sent to you by your Local Authority when you receive your secondary school offer in March 2012.

Where any applicant has not been admitted to a preferred school, any parental appeal will be heard by an independent appeal panel established for that school.



CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS

Please contact the schools direct for a current prospectus and admissions policy.

Chelmsford County High School for Girls

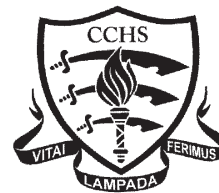
Headteacher: Mrs. N. Chapman

Broomfield Road
Chelmsford
Essex CM1 1RW

Tel: 01245 352592
Fax: 01245 345746
Website: www.cchs.co.uk
E-mail: office@cchs.essex.sch.uk
School Number: 881 5410

“Achievement is outstanding because the high quality of teaching develops confidence and personal skills.” – Ofsted

– Chelmsford County High School for Girls



Our vision is
“Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow”

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Open Days/Evenings at
Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Tuesday 27 September 20115.30pm - 8pm
Wednesday 5 October 20115.30pm - 8pm

King Edward VI Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. T. Sherrington

Broomfield Road
Chelmsford
Essex CM1 3SX

Tel: 01245 353510
Fax: 01245 344741
Website: www.kegs.org.uk
E-mail: office@kegs.org.uk
School Number: 881 5411

“King Edward VI Grammar School aims in partnership with parents to develop pupils' abilities, moral judgement and sensitivity to the full. KEGS is a Leading Edge Research Engaged School, a High Performing Science College, a Languages College, very strong across the whole curriculum, and an outstanding school nationally.”

– King Edward VI Grammar School



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Open Days/Evenings at
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King Edward VI Grammar School have already held tours for prospective students during the week of 11-15 July 2011.

There is a further opportunity to attend the Headteacher's Presentation on Thursday 22 September 2011 at 6.30pm. This will be followed by tours during the week of 26-30 September 2011, for families who attended the Presentation only.

Please see our website for further information. To book a place at the Headteacher's Presentation, and subsequent tour, please contact the school on 01245 353510.

Colchester Royal Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. K. L. Jenkinson

Lexden Road
Colchester
Essex CO3 3ND

Tel: 01206 509100
Fax: 01206 509101
Website: www.crgs.co.uk
E-mail: info@crgs.co.uk
School Number: 881 5443

“Colchester Royal Grammar School is committed to providing a quality education for its pupils, and aims at excellence in all that it does. High standards and expectations shall permeate every aspect of school life and be evident in the achievement, behaviour, attitude and appearance of its pupils.”

– Colchester Royal Grammar School



Faith is the
Crown of Life

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Open Days/Evenings at
Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Tuesday 27 September 20116.30pm - 9pm

Colchester County High School for Girls

Headteacher: Mrs. G. E. Marshall

Norman Way
Colchester
Essex CO3 3US

Tel: 01206-576973
Fax: 01206-769302
Website: www.colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk
E-mail: office@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk
School Number: 881 5454

"The students say they feel safe and supported, both by the school and by each other. The school had balanced study, social development and student happiness extremely well."

– OFSTED Report, January 2009



Wisdom Giveth Life

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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Tuesday 20 September 20119am - 11.45am
Wednesday 21 September 20119am - 11.45am
Monday 26 September 20119am - 11.45am
Thursday 29 September 20119am - 11.45am
Thursday 6 October 20119am - 11.45am

Tuesday 11 October 20111.30pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 October 20111.30pm - 2.30pm

Please phone the school to book an appointment for a school tour.

A Talk by the Headteacher

Tuesday 18 October 20116pm - 6.30pm
.....and 6.30pm - 7pm

Please phone the school if you would like to attend the evening talk.

01206 576973

Cecil Jones College

Headteacher: Mrs. P. Harris

Eastern Avenue
Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS2 4BU

Tel: 01702-440000
Fax: 01702-463724
Website: www.ceciljones.net
E-mail: enquiries@ceciljones.net
College Number: 882 5452

"Cecil Jones is a forward looking and vibrant learning community with specialist Business and Enterprise status. We provide an environment where good relationships and broad experiences allow each individual to develop their particular talents."

– Cecil Jones College



Specialising in
Business and Enterprise

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Open Days/Evenings at Cecil Jones College for 2012 Entry

Thursday 22 September 2011 ..6.30pm - 8.30pm
Eastern Avenue site
Headteacher's talk at 6pm. Repeated 7pm & 8pm.

Tuesday-Thursday 11-13 October 2011
.....4.30pm - 6pm
Wentworth Road site

Tours of the college by appointment.

Shoeburyness High School

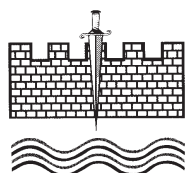
Headteacher: Mr. M. Schofield

Caulfield Road
Shoeburyness
Essex SS3 9LL

Tel: 01702-292286
Fax: 01702-292333
Website: www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk
E-mail: schooloffice@shoeburyness.southend.sch.uk
School Number: 882 4034

"Our school is a learning community which values all individuals and celebrates the contribution they make towards the achievement of excellence."

– Shoeburyness High School



Striving for Excellence

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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Monday 19 September 20117pm - 9.30pm
(Open Evening)

Tuesday 4 October 20119am - 10.30am
(Open Morning)

Wednesday 5 October 20119am - 10.30am
(Open Morning)

Tours can be arranged at other times by appointment.

Southend High School for Boys

Headteacher: Robin M. Bevan

Prittlewell Chase
Southend on Sea
Essex SS0 0RG

Tel: 0844 477 1752
Fax: 01702 300028
E-mail: enquiries@shsb.demon.co.uk
Website: www.shsb.org.uk
School Number: 882 5446

“Southend High School for Boys is an outstanding school. The school has maintained its exceptional performance over the years, and has demonstrated an outstanding capacity to improve further. Achievement is outstanding. Standards are exceptionally high. Students speak very highly of the opportunities on offer to them. The excellent curriculum enables students to achieve in many different ways and to enjoy their time at school.”

– OFSTED Inspection Report



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Open Evenings at Southend High School for Boys for 2012 Entry

Wednesday 5 October 20116.30pm-8.45pm
Thursday 6 October 20116.30pm-8.45pm

The Headteacher will speak at 8pm each evening.

Southend High School for Girls: Language College

Headteacher: Mrs. Alison Clewlow

Southchurch Boulevard
Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS2 4UZ

Tel: 01702-588852
Fax: 01702-587181
Website: www.shsg.org
E-mail: office@shsg.org
School Number: 882 5428

“Fundamental to the teaching and learning at SHSG are a love of learning, fostering creativity and critical thinking. We want our students to think independently, express themselves articulately, to know how to research and learn and to discriminate wisely. We expect that they will contribute positively to the school community and work well with others. We hope they will develop self-confidence and appropriate self-esteem.”

– Southend High School for Girls “Outstanding” Ofsted 2007



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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Tuesday 27 September 20116pm - 8pm
Wednesday 28 September 20119.30am - 11am
Thursday 29 September 20119.30am - 11am

St. Bernard's High School and Arts College

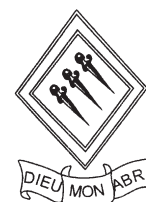
Headteacher: Mrs. P. M. Barron

Milton Road
Westcliff on Sea
Essex SS0 7JS

Tel: 01702-343583
Fax: 01702-390201
E-mail: head@stbernards.southend.sch.uk
School Number: 882 5465

“St. Bernard's High School and Arts College is a Catholic learning community committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum enabling students to become confident well-educated and responsible young adults. We set, expect and maintain high standards in all that we do.”

– St. Bernard's High School and Arts College



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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Wednesday 12 October 20117pm - 9pm
Thursday 13 October 201110.30am - 12 noon
Thursday 13 October 20111.40pm - 3.30pm

St. Thomas More High School (Boys)

Headteacher: Mr. P. P. Travis, B.A.

Kenilworth Gardens
Westcliff on Sea
Essex SS0 0BW

Tel: 01702-344933
Fax: 01702-436990
Website: www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk
E-mail: admissions@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk
School Number: 882 5447

A Catholic School in the Brentwood Diocese

“The fundamental purpose of the school today is to provide the very best education for all of our pupils so that boys, and in the Sixth Form, boys and girls, can become confident young men and women who are spiritually, culturally and socially fulfilled and achieve their full potential”

– St. Thomas More High School



God's Servant First

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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Thursday 6 October 20116pm - 9pm

*The Headmaster will speak at 7.30pm.
All other visits by appointment only.*

If St. Thomas More High School is one of your choices, you must complete the school's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to enable the Governing Body to apply its admissions criteria. This will be available on the Open Evening or can be downloaded from our website.

Westcliff High School for Boys

Headmaster: Mr. A. J. Baker

Kenilworth Gardens
Westcliff on Sea
Essex SS0 0BP

Tel: 01702-475443
Fax: 01702-470495
E-mail: office@whsb.essex.sch.uk
School Number: 882 5401

“Westcliff enjoys the distinctive record of having been designated ‘outstandingly successful’ by OFSTED on four occasions. But we have not achieved this by a narrow focus on examination results. Those matter and are excellent but our concern for the broader personal, cultural and moral development of young people is what defines the School. These things are reflected in our daily life.”

– Westcliff High School for Boys



By Faith
and Perseverance

Published Admission Number for 2012

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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Wednesday 12 October 20116pm - 8.45pm

Thursday 13 October 20116pm - 8.45pm

*The Headmaster will speak at 8pm
on both evenings.*

Westcliff High School for Girls

Headteacher: Dr. Paul Hayman BSc

Kenilworth Gardens
Westcliff on Sea
Essex SS0 0BS

Tel: 01702-476026
Fax: 01702-471328
Website: www.whsg.info
School Number: 882 5423

“In this outstanding school, students achieve both academic excellence and develop exceptional personal qualities so that when they leave the girls are confident, responsible and compassionate citizens.”
“Students get on very well together, they value the diversity that students from minority ethnic backgrounds bring to the school and consequently the school is a safe and harmonious community.”

– Ofsted 2010



By Fidelity
and Fortitude

Published Admission Number for 2012

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Open Days/Evenings at Consortium Schools for 2012 Entry

Thursday 29 September 20115.45pm - 9pm

*Main Open Evening Thursday 29 September.
The Headteacher will speak at 6, 7 and 8pm.*

Open Mornings by appointment only on:

Tuesday 11 October 20119am - 11am

Thursday 13 October 20119am - 11am

Helpful information about the Verbal Reasoning Paper

Set out below are instructions for the candidate on how to use the Verbal Reasoning Answer Sheet and a copy of the top half of an Answer Sheet. This shows the personal details of a candidate and examples of how the answers appear on the answer sheet.

Instructions for Candidates on using the Verbal Reasoning Answer Sheet

You are going to take a multiple-choice test where the questions appear in the test booklet and the answers are on a separate answer sheet. This is a special kind of answer sheet that can be marked by a computer. You must remember to mark your answers on the answer sheet and not in the test booklet.

In the **test** you will be asked to check the pre-printed answer sheet.

Your pre-printed answer sheet will show the following:

- Candidate's Name:** Your full name will be printed here.
- Selective School Name:** Your test centre name will be printed here.
- Date of Test:** The date you sit the test on will be printed here.
- Candidate Number:** Your candidate number will be printed here.
- Test Centre Number:** This is a seven-digit number that tells us which test centre you took the test at.
- Date of Birth:** Your date of birth will be printed here.

When you have finished checking the information you should sit quietly and await further instructions. You must inform the invigilator if your name, test centre or date of birth is incorrect. Please do this by raising your hand.

Practising for your verbal reasoning multiple choice paper:

This paper can be purchased from the CSSE Office. Please refer to the CSSE practice pack order form for further information on purchasing this practice paper ([website csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)).

It is a good idea to practise filling in your answers to the practice test question answer sheet that comes with the test booklet. Instructions about how to do this can be found in the front of the test booklet. Read the first question carefully and look at the example that goes with it. Make sure you understand the question and check how the example answer is shown on the answer sheet.

Then answer the set of questions after the first example, marking your answers on the answer sheet with firm pencil lines. You must put your firm pencil line against the letter you believe to be the correct answer for each question. If you change your mind about an answer, rub it out as completely as possible and mark a line opposite your new answer.

The possible answers to each question are on the answer sheet, you must put your line in the rectangular box opposite the answer that you choose.

With practice you will get faster at reading the questions and filling in the answers. It is important to prepare for the actual test in this way.

It is very important not to make any other marks on your answer sheet as these could interfere with the computer marking process.

QUESTION (Example)

In this question, one letter can be moved from the first word to the second word, to make two new words.

The letters must **NOT** otherwise be rearranged and **BOTH** new words must make sense. Find the letter that moves and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example: pound or

Answer: u (the two new words are **pond** and **our**.)

VERBAL REASONING – PRACTICE TEST 1 ANSWER SHEET

Your child's personal information will be pre-printed.

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Pupil's Name **Sam Smith**

Date of Test **19th November**

School Name **Selective Test Centre name**

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Please ensure you have read the guide prior to completing this form. This form must be returned to the Consortium of Selective Schools office.

CSSE Supplementary Information Form to Register a Child for the Essex 11+ Test for Admission to the following Schools in September 2012:

Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Colchester County High School for Girls

Southend High School for Girls

Westcliff High School for Girls

King Edward VI Grammar School (Boys)

Colchester Royal Grammar School (Boys)

Southend High School for Boys

Westcliff High School for Boys

...and for selective places at:

Cecil Jones College (mixed)

St. Bernard's High School & Arts College (Girls)*

*(In addition to this SIF St. Bernard's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must also be completed. You can obtain their SIF direct from the school.)

Shoeburyness High School (mixed)

St. Thomas More High School (Boys)*

*(In addition to this SIF St. Thomas More's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must also be completed. You can obtain their SIF direct from the school.)

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex organises the selection tests for admission to the above schools. If you intend to choose one or more of these schools as preferences on your **Local Authority Application Form**, it is essential that you also complete this registration form and return it to the CSSE Office by **31st October 2011**. Forms received after this date are unlikely to be processed in time for the **main test date (Saturday 19th November 2011)**.

We strongly recommend that you obtain practice papers from the CSSE office.

Details of the Child who will sit the 11+ Tests:

Child's Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Boy/Girl _____

Home Address for correspondence: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Telephone Number (daytime): _____ (home): _____

Name and Address of current Primary School: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

The name of your Home Local Authority through which you will apply for a secondary school place for your child. (This is the Local Authority from whom you received your Common Application Form/Secondary Education booklet.)

Details connected with your child sitting the tests:

1. At which **ONE** of the CSSE named schools listed on page 11 do you wish your child to sit the tests? (Please write the full name of the school in the space provided.) In the case of a single sex school, please select a school that admits children of the same gender as your child.

Test centres and test sessions cannot be changed at a later date. If you wish to withdraw your child from sitting the 11+ tests please inform the CSSE office in writing and your Local Authority of any changes to your preferences.

2. Do you have religious objections to your child sitting the tests on a Saturday? (Please circle as appropriate.) **Yes / No**
3. Does your child have any medical circumstances, statement or other special needs, that will require specific arrangements to be made for the day of tests? For example, wheelchair access, enlarged type papers, supervision support etc. If so please indicate briefly the nature of your child's particular needs and attach relevant evidence to this form.

Primary schools have requested details of 11+ test candidates and results pertaining to their pupils. To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, if you **DO NOT** wish this information to be provided to your child's present school *you must tick the adjacent box.*
If you have ticked this box, please provide a 6 letter password.
You must quote this password if you wish to discuss your application over the telephone.

Password

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The completion of this form does not constitute an application to the school you have named above as your child's test centre. Parents can apply for school places only by naming them as preferences on their Local Authority Common Application Form. A place can be offered to your child only through the process of application described in your Local Authority's booklet. The above schools, in common with all state schools, make offers of places through the co-ordinated admissions system managed by the Local Authorities.

The information supplied above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must name the Consortium Selective Schools of my choice as preferences on my Local Authority Common Application Form and that without so doing my child's test registration is invalidated (see page 3).

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Where information is provided to the CSSE on this form by one parent it will normally be shared, on request, with the other parent of the named child. If there are legal reasons for not doing so the CSSE must be informed in writing. The CSSE will require the parent requesting information to prove their identity before releasing information to them.

PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE CSSE OFFICE HAS RECEIVED YOUR 11+ REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF PAGE 11 (NOT TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY) BY 31st OCTOBER 2011.

For Office use only:

CSSE Reference Number:



Order Form for CSSE Practice Packs

PACKS AVAILABLE	PRICE PER PACK includes UK postage	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
<p>OPTION 1 (1 paper) GL Assessment Multiple Choice Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper.</p> <p><i>* The same VR paper is sold in Options 3 and 4. We are unable to sell past VR exam papers as copyright is owned by GL Assessment. This practice paper contains similar types of questions to the exam but may vary in the number of questions and the timing of the test.</i></p> <p><i>Not available in bookshops.</i></p>	£9.00		
<p>OPTION 2 (2 papers) Actual Maths and English papers sat for 2011 Entry.</p>	£11.00		
<p>OPTION 3 (3 papers) Actual Maths and English papers sat for 2011 Entry. GL Assessment Multiple Choice Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper. (<i>*See above note about this paper</i>)</p>	£18.00		
<p>OPTION 4 (5 papers) Actual Maths and English papers sat for 2010 Entry. Actual Maths and English papers sat for 2011 Entry. GL Assessment Multiple Choice Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper. (<i>*See above note about this paper</i>)</p>	£25.00		
<p>OPTION 5 GL Assessment Multiple Choice VR Practice Papers. 4 practice tests for 11+ Preparation. Also available in bookshops. ISBN 0-7087-0386-0</p>	£11.50		

- The same Maths and English 2011 Entry papers are sold in Options 2, 3 and 4.
- GL Assessment is the new name for Nfer Nelson. Verbal Reasoning stock has been rebranded. Verbal Reasoning papers will either be branded Nfer Nelson or GL Assessment but the content is the same.

PLEASE SUPPLY THE NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE YOU WANT THE PRACTICE PAPERS SENT:
Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Telephone No. (in case of query):
<i>Please be advised that the CSSE Office is closed during School Holidays.</i>

POSTAL APPLICATIONS
(Cheque or Postal Orders only) Made payable to: 'CSSE'
Address: PO Box 3087 Chelmsford Essex CM1 3SY
We are unable to accept debit or credit cards or process orders over the telephone or online.
Practice pack price includes postage and packing within the UK.
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