



9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I know this is a busy time of year for entrance exams and interviews for Year 6 pupils thinking about independent schools for Year 7. Well done to all the boys who have already been through assessment days and are waiting for results or have already had results. I am always so proud to hear of their achievements.

As you know, lessons at school are planned carefully to help prepare and support your child in all of these tests. We feel confident that they will be able to enter an assessment or interview with good strategies, skills and knowledge already. However, there are still a few options available to further prepare and help, which I wanted to outline to you in this letter.

Firstly, I would like to offer pupils mock interview practice and all I need from you is the date your child is going for an assessment day, so that I can prioritise who I set up interview practice with. Please do email me with any assessment dates and details.

Secondly, Atom Learning have recently been in touch with me and offered us online mock CEM-style exams tailored to the types of assessments your children will be sitting. For example, we have heard that Reading Blue Coat will be using Atom for their assessments this year. I think this would be a valuable preparation tool we should make use of.

There would be a small charge for this additional service to cover our administration, time and charges from Atom Learning. I would like to offer you the package of four mock exam credits for a payment of £10 (added to your invoice at the end of term). This would include two sets of CEM papers to provide the variety that this exam exhibits through its changing structure. The real CEM exam comprises two papers, Paper One and Paper Two, that both last 45 minutes. Each paper will contain a number of parts. English and Verbal Reasoning are usually combined into one paper, and Maths and Non-verbal Reasoning in the other. This equates to £2.50 for each part.

Please email me before the end of this half term if you would prefer your child not to be included in these mock exam sessions, otherwise I will assume your child is taking part over the next three terms.

I look forward in hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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