

Dear 11+ students and parents,

For the last eight years we have organised mock 11+ exams and the feedback has always been very encouraging. Parents and children felt that the exams were the best preparation possible as they helped the children understand what the 'real' exam would be like in terms of structure, pressure and timing.

So, we have decided to run another course of three exams ready for the 11+ test in November. It is very useful for the children to get used to sitting a verbal, maths, English and free writing paper in one morning so that the need for complete concentration for a long time won't come as such a shock. The papers will last the same length of time as the real papers in November so that the children get used to the format - although we will have shorter breaks to keep the overall time to a minimum.

The mock exams are highly beneficial for the following reasons:

- Official setting – sat at desks
- Strict timing of all papers and working under exam conditions
- Familiarisation with official format
- Building up concentration levels
- Results will help parents to know what level their child is at compared to the other children and how their child handles the pressure of the exam.
- If possible, it is best for students to attend all three exams so that they can gain confidence and (hopefully) achieve a higher result each time.

We will send the results within a few days of each exam by e-mail. These results will give your child's overall mark, an individual mark for each paper and overall position compared to the other students so that you can compare results. **These basic results are included in the exam price.**

Extra options.

For those of you who would like more feedback than the basic package offers there are two further options.

Option 1: Breakdown report £5 (sent via e-mail within a few days of exam).

- Basic results as above.
- Breakdown of results within each paper. For example, on the VR paper you will get a score for codes, a score for alphabet series, a score for words with opposite meanings etc. Also, we will include the average mark scored for each section.
- As well as receiving overall position compared to all other students you will get a position from each of the three papers. This means that you will see whether your child came first in maths but struggled in the English and so on.
- Position compared to only other students of the same sex.
- Details regarding answer sheets – how many questions were missed / answer boxes spoilt.

Or option 2: Individual assessment £15 (sent via e-mail within a week of exam).

- Both basic results and breakdown report as above.
- Copies of many of the incorrect questions. Answers will be sent on a separate page so that you can print the questions for the students to have another go at – without them seeing the answers. The student's original answer will also be given so that you can see what they were thinking and discuss the problem together.
- Students requesting individual assessments will be monitored (by the invigilators) as the exam takes place and you will be informed if they finish early, don't check answers, panic or are not focused. We will also analyse the papers and give guidance on how each student could improve their marks and which sections need more work.

Free writing (FW) £10 (sent via post within a week of exam).

In the real exam in November the free writing paper is only read and assessed for students who narrowly miss the pass mark – the borderline zone. However, all students will actually write the paper.

After the mock exams the students will be allowed to bring home their free writing paper (and the instructions that were given to them) for you to look at and go over with your child.

However, if you would like a professional opinion of your child’s free writing paper I will hold onto the FW paper, read and assess it and write some comments regarding the standard, how closely they kept to the brief/instructions, use of language and vocabulary, quality of spelling, punctuation and handwriting and also how successful it is as a piece of writing. Where appropriate I will also give guidelines on how to improve the FW for the next time. Everything will be posted back to you.

If you would like this FW assessment please tick the appropriate box on the form below.

Dates and location All exams will be in the hall of Woodford Valley Primary School, Middle Woodford.

Saturday September 18th 9.15 – 1 pm

Saturday October 9th 9.15 – 1 pm

Saturday November 6th 9.15 – 1 pm

Prices

Each exam will cost £25. This will include basic results.

Please add £5 for report option 1 or £15 for report option 2 as outlined above if you would like more details. You do not have to take a report for every exam. If you prefer, you can buy either type for the first exam and then order others if you think it was worthwhile. You may also switch between breakdown report and individual assessments as you wish.

Please add £10 if you would like the free writing assessment. Again, you do not need to decide now for each exam. You may choose to take the first FW assessment and then order the others at a later date if you wish.

Refunds

- Full refund on reports/assessments cancelled prior to each exam.
- Refund on exams, cancelled giving notice of at least 3 days, less £5 admin charge.

If you would like to go ahead Please go to www.woodfordvalley.net/janstringer and fill in our on-line booking form and make on-line payment. If you would prefer you can print off the form below and send it to us with a cheque.

We look forward to hearing from you. Jan Stringer BA (Hons) QTS and John Stringer MA (Cantab)

I would like my child (name) _____ to attend

the 11+ mock exams on the following dates ... (please tick appropriate boxes)

	Exam	Breakdown £5	or	Ind. assessment £15	FW assessment £10
Saturday September 18 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday October 9 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday November 6 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Telephone number: _____

Please tick this box if you prefer postal results.
Results will arrive within a week.