

# How we successfully prepare our boys for Senior Exams

At Homefield we fully support our parents considering senior school entry to schools for Year 7 or Year 9, whether it is to the local state grammars or preparation for ISEB pre-tests to senior Independent schools. Below, we have outlined how we support and prepare our boys for success beyond Year 6.

## 1. Core subject delivery

The syllabus across English and maths goes above and beyond National Curriculum expectation and is well supported by high quality teaching staff, helping our boys excel in other areas such as sport, music and languages. We have approximately 20-25% of our roll secure selective state grammar placements.

## 2. Examination preparation sessions (Verbal and Non-verbal Reasoning)

All boys in Years 4 and 5 have timetabled lessons where they are supported in honing their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills and work on answering maths and English questions accurately and within a specific time period. Boys have access to the Atom Learning platform, where additional practice can be set, outside the school day for those interested families.

## 3. Subscription to 11+ on line prep

We provide all of our boys, from the Spring half term of Year 4 with a log-in to the Atom Learning platform. This is chosen as it supports those considering 11+ and/or ISEB pre-tests for Independent entry. The site offers on-line English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning practice and also gives targeted feedback.

## 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 senior staff.

## 5. Parent consultation with the Head

Mr Naismith prides himself on offering parents the opportunity to meet and discuss the learning journey of their son. All data is considered and future options discussed together. If you would like to book a meeting please contact the Head's PA, Mrs Harmes. In addition to this, we host an annual virtual senior school information evening for parents, and a Senior Schools' Information Fair.

## 6. Scholarship Preparation

Many of our boys are awarded scholarships by senior Independent schools in Sport, Art, Drama, Music, Academics or as an All-rounder. Our teaching staff work with parents to prepare their sons for these scholarships; advising, guiding and supporting them through the process.

*Inspiring Boys  
Hearts, Heads, Hands*



**Homefield**  
Preparatory School

An independent day school for boys aged 4 to 13 years