

## Year 6 to Year 7 Transition & Internal Scholarships

As part of the transition process for pupils entering Year 7 in September 2017, all of our current Year 6 pupils are expected to complete Park Lane's Year 6-7 transfer tests.

These assessments, which comprise of an English proficiency test and the computer-based [CEM Select test](#) will be held on the morning of **Tuesday 31st January 2017**. Ms. Kerry Stephenson and Ms. Sophie Stenhouse will administer the tests within the Year 6 classrooms to help ensure that our pupils feel supported, confident and able to perform to the best of their ability. I will also speak to the children ahead of the English proficiency test to give them some strategic advice on how best to tackle the test and make the most of the time available. Pupils will have one hour to complete each test and will be given a break between the two tests.

Please note that all new pupils who wish to join Park Lane in Year 7 also take the English proficiency and [CEM Select](#) tests. In the case of our current Year 6 children, we will not be using the tests for *selection* as such. However, the assessment results of both tests will provide our secondary teachers with some very helpful baseline data regarding our pupils' aptitude, abilities and academic potential and will help us determine the best possible teaching arrangements for September, taking full account of the different ways to support and challenge our pupils during Year 7 as well creating optimal teaching groups. If as a consequence of taking these tests, we believe your child will need special consideration or extra support on entering the secondary school, we will certainly let you know.

Our Y6-7 transfer tests are also a major component of the selection process for Key Stage 3 academic scholarships. Candidates with exceptional overall scores will be invited to participate in the second (and final) stage of selection, which includes a range of aptitude and reasoning tests, a verbal challenge and a formal interview with myself and other members of the selection committee. These tests and interviews will be conducted in late March or early April.

As there is currently a significant demand for places in our secondary school, it would be extremely helpful if you could let us know as soon as possible – ideally by January 31<sup>st</sup> – if your child will not be joining Park Lane's secondary school in September. This information should be conveyed to the school registrar, Karolina Schreiberova:

[karolina.schreiberova@parklane-is.com](mailto:karolina.schreiberova@parklane-is.com)

Should you have any questions about the transfer tests or the scholarship selection procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me: [paul.ingarfield@parklane-is.com](mailto:paul.ingarfield@parklane-is.com)