

## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 – Budmouth Academy Ability Tests**

30 students are selected each year on the basis of their academic ability. The tests are all taken online and each session starts with instructions on how to complete each test and a five minute practice test.

The Ability Tests are completed online and include:

- Verbal reasoning
- Quantative (mathematical) reasoning
- Non verbal reasoning

The process is as follows:

- Parents/carers who wish their child to be considered for the ability tests are required to complete an Ability Test Application Form, which is available on our website.
- The deadline for ability test applications to be received at Budmouth is noon on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022**.
- When applications are received, an invitation to the tests will be automatically emailed to the address provided on the application form. Parents/carers will need to ensure that they respond to this invitation via email to [abilitytest@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:abilitytest@budmouth-aspirations.org) within two weeks of the application. If you have not responded within the two weeks or by the deadline of noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, we will assume your child will not be attending.
- In late October 2021, Budmouth Academy will send a letter to the address given on the Ability Test Application Form, advising you of the outcome of your child's test.
- Achieving a qualifying score does not guarantee that your child will be offered a place. On 1st March 2023, places will be allocated by Dorset Council to the top 30 students who achieve a qualifying score, in accordance with the published admissions criteria.
- Students who do not gain a place via the ability test will still be considered for entrance by the remaining criteria outlined on our Admissions Policy.
- All parents should apply for a secondary school place, from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**, by completing the Dorset Council Application Form: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-or-upper-school](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-or-upper-school).

Note:

- No information is provided about an individual student score or place.

Should your child wish to familiarise themselves with examples of similar tests, which are all multiple choice, there are practice papers available. The papers are 11+ tests and include verbal and non-verbal reasoning papers:

GL Assessment practice papers, variety pack 2. This contains 4 tests: verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, Mathematics and English. ISBN No: 9 7807 087 0391 5. (Please note our Ability Tests do not include a separate English paper.) <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Practice-Papers-Multiple-choice-Variety-Pack/dp/0708703917>

And is available at other retailers.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Ashmore via email on [mashmore@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:mashmore@budmouth-aspirations.org).