



The SEAG 2023 Entrance Assessment – A Summary for Parents and Guardians

- Every post-primary school in N. Ireland which uses academic selection is a member of SEAG and plans to use outcomes from the 2023 Entrance Assessment within their Year 8 Admissions Criteria.

Registration

- Registration is through a portal on the website www.seagni.co.uk and the registration period runs from **9.00am Wednesday 3rd May 2023 to 5.00pm Friday 22nd September 2023.**
- Parents/ Guardians first register themselves to create an account with SEAG and then complete a Pupil Application to register their child.
- **There is NO late registration after the 5.00pm Friday 22nd September deadline.** Only pupils who have been registered by then can sit the SEAG 2023 Entrance Assessment. If a pupil has not been registered he / she will NOT be able to sit the Entrance Assessment.
- When registering your child, the name and date of birth **must be identical to** the birth certificate information; you must provide a copy of the birth certificate and a passport sized photograph to confirm identity.
- During the pupil registration process you will be able to request Access Arrangements but you must provide supporting documentation with your request.
- During the pupil registration process you are required to pay a non-refundable administration fee of £20 through a secure online payment method. Those entitled to Free School Meals (FSME) are exempt from the administration fee, but must provide necessary verification of FSME status.

SEAG Entrance Assessment Papers

- The Entrance Assessment consists of two Papers taken a fortnight apart – **Sat. 11th November 2023 and Sat. 25th November 2023.** The format is the same as for the Practice Papers and is set out in the SEAG website.
- Pupils sit **both** Papers. It is not a choice between sitting Paper 1 or Paper 2.
- Invigilators tell the pupils when they can start the Main Test and pupils will have 60 minutes* to work through the paper (*unless granted additional time through Access Arrangements).
- Each pupil is free to start with the English (or Gaeilge) or the Maths.

SEAG Outcomes

- These will be available **online** from Saturday 27th January 2024.
- The key outcomes which are most likely to be used by SEAG schools within their Year 8 Admissions Criteria are the **Total Standardised Age Score (TSAS)** and the **Band**.
- The TSAS is the overall outcome based on answers to all the questions in Papers 1 and 2.
- The Total SAS range will be 138-282 with a mean (or average) of 200. An SAS takes account of a child's age when he/she took the assessment, the number of correct answers and the difficulty of the assessment.
- There will be six Bands – Band 1, Band 2, Band 3, Band 4, Band 5 and Band 6.

SEAG Band	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cohort Percentile	60%+	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	<20%

60%+ (Band 1) means pupils who are in the top 40% of those who sat the Assessment; 50-59% (Band 2) means pupils who are in the top 50% but not the top 40% of those who sat the Assessment, etc.

Academically selective schools have tended to use 2 main types of outcomes within their Year 8 Admissions Criteria. Some schools have created a rank order using SAS; others have preferred to group scores together to create "grades", "bands" or "a pool". SEAG envisages that some schools will wish to use its outcomes to rank order using TSAS, others will prefer to use SEAG Bands and some may use both. SEAG is, therefore, providing TSAS and Bands.