



# GATEWAY SCHOOL GREAT MISSENDEN

## Preparation for Secondary School Timeline

At Gateway, we prepare children for entry into a wide variety of secondary schools. Although we follow the National Curriculum and sit SATs at the end of Year 6, as an independent school we are able to teach beyond the curriculum, making use of specialist teaching across Years 5 and 6. We prepare the children to take the Grammar School Transfer Test in early September, as well as for a number of secondary independent schools.

Timeline for Secondary School Applications and Entry Requirements:

Year 3	
September	GL Progress in English and Maths Age Standardised Assessments
All Year	Comprehension development - through guided reading/individual reading
All Year	Vocabulary building -phonics, synonyms, antonyms, morphology
All Year	Maths applying skills and problem solving
November	English and Maths Parent Consultations
March	English and Maths Parent Consultations

Year 4	
September	GL Progress in English and Maths Age Standardised Assessments
All Year	Comprehension development -through guided reading/individual reading
All Year	Vocabulary building -phonics, synonyms, antonyms, morphology
All Year	Maths applying skills and problem solving
November	English and Maths Parent Consultations
March	English and Maths Parent Consultations
April	Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT's)

Year 5	
September	GL Progress in English and Maths Age Standardised Assessments
All Year	English and Maths Study Skills lessons timetabled and taught by specialist English and Maths teachers
October	Presentation by Mr Phillip Wayne - Head of Royal Grammar School and Chair of Grammar School Association
November	English and Maths Parent Consultations
Autumn	Senior School Open Evening visits
March	English and Maths Parent Consultations
April	Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT's)
May	Parent meeting with Head and Deputy to discuss potential school choices
Summer Term	Register interest with Independent Secondary Schools as a result of meeting with Head and Deputy
Summer Term	Early morning study skills lessons for pupils taking the Bucks 11+
July	Homework pack to be sent home for the Summer Holidays

Year 6	
September	Bucks 11+ Grammar School Transfer Test
October	Bucks 11+ Transfer Test Results
October	Meeting with Head and Deputy, if necessary, following 11+ result
October	Deadline for applying for a State Secondary School Place in Bucks
October	Selection Reviews
November	English and Maths Parent Consultations
Autumn Term	Independent School Entrance Exam preparation begins (Assessments are taken at various points between November and January, depending on the school).
Autumn Term	Interview Practice when interview dates are confirmed
Autumn Term	Preparation for those taking Music, Art and Sport Scholarships
January	Some secondary independent school places offered
March	Secondary independent school places confirmed
March	English and Maths Parent Consultations
March	Grammar and Upper Secondary School Places Allocated