



# **Cotswold Education**

**Learning In Community**

## **2024/2025**







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## Our Vision

**Our vision is to be a centre of educational excellence, inspiring students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers and confident individuals able to make the most of life's opportunities. We want to support children of all abilities and backgrounds to appreciate the love of learning.**

## Welcome!

It's great to be able to give you an insight into what we do and what we believe. As a regional business we have unrivalled experience of the local education landscape and have been supporting thousands of local families prepare for secondary school and beyond. We have particular expertise in grammar school preparation and offer a range of fun and educational events and courses. We want children to enjoy learning and we encourage them to take an active part in their own educational development, even if they don't know it!

We love creating new ways to learn together and this year we are back with more events including our new Booster Sessions and Year 4 Group Tuition Course. Have a look inside this booklet to find details of all our events this year and please get in touch if you're not clear about anything.

You can find us at most of our events where we will be happy to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. If you'd like to have a more focussed discussion about your education planning then please book a consultation and we can have a more in-depth chat.

We look forward to meeting you and please let us know if you have any ideas of what you would like to see us do!

*Ian and Liz*

Dr Ian Todd and Mrs Liz Forston  
Directors: Cotswold Education



# Our History

**2011** ▶

## The beginning

Cotswold Education was established by Dr Ian Todd plus 2 other partners. In our first few years we ran Parent Information Mornings plus 3 Mock Tests. Each test usually had 25 families.

**2015** ▶

## Cotswold Education grows

The Hub (now known as 11+ Summer Camp) ran for the first time with 16 children

**2019** ▶

## Welcome Liz!

Liz Fortson joins Cotswold Education as a Partner. In person Parent/Carer evenings began.

**2020** ▶

## Lockdown begins

In Lockdown we ran free Fun Friday online puzzles on Social Media and our Mock Tests were transferred online. Our first On Location Test ran in August when Lockdown was lifted. We decided to keep a mix of online and in-person events from here!

**2021** ▶

## Get Ready for the 11+ Fun Day

We ran our first Fun Day in Summer, which proved to be a success! This event continues today as our '11+ Activity Day'.

**2022** ▶

## All Change for 2023...

In August we heard that the Grammar School Test would change to GL format. All papers and courses were revised, updated and rewritten by our fantastic team.

**2023** ▶

## Masterclasses were introduced

Following your feedback, we introduced our Masterclasses, which you told us have been hugely helpful!

**2024** ▶

## New book!

This year we published our brand new 11+ Practice Papers, designed specifically for the Gloucestershire 11+ Test. Our Weekly Tuition classes proved highly successful.

**In the last year, we have met more than 420 families!**

# About Us

Founded in 2011, Cotswold Education is a family-run business of experienced educators based in Gloucestershire.

We have personal experience of the whole primary and secondary education system in Gloucestershire including grammar school application and school appeals. Our children sat the Grammar School Test and some now work with us as well!

We provide high quality education events and courses to support children and their parents/carers. We specialise in the 11+ entrance exam and this year we are excited to announce our new Year 4 11+ Course, Booster Classes for children in Year 5 and our Spy Experience for children aged 9-11!

We believe that all parents/carers should have access to high quality information and run both free and paid for events.

## Get in touch



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## Meet the Team

We have a wonderful team of talented tutors that lead our events. Each of our tutors have extensive experience in the education sector and are passionate about what they do. Our team includes private tutors, tutors specialising in the 11+ exam, primary school teachers, and a number of staff with experience supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs .



Liz & Ian run **Cots Ed**. Ian is the founder and was previously head of Biology at Bath Spa University. Prior to this, he was a Senior Lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire with extensive research experience at Oxford & Cambridge Universities. Liz taught in the Primary Sector for 10 years and was departmental Head of English and Primary Lead teacher. Liz moved to America where she taught in the Gifted & Talented Programme. Both have tutored for the 11+ and you may notice some of their now adult children on the **Cots Ed** Team!



We also have a member of the team who focuses on Social Media and Marketing. All tutors on our team hold an **enhanced DBS certificate** and a **Certified Paediatric First Aider** is available at all of our in-person events.





# Gloucestershire Grammar Schools

There are seven Grammar Schools in Gloucestershire, two of which are co-ed (Pates Grammar School and The Crypt School), two are boys only (Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School and Marling School) and three are girls only (Denmark Road High School, Ribston Hall High School and Stroud High School). Each school has its own admissions criteria and we recommend visiting the school's website if you wish to check any information about a particular school.

## What is the 11+ Test?

The Gloucestershire 11+ Test is currently based on GL Style Assessment.

The GL 11+ Test asks questions based on Verbal Reasoning (21 types), English, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning. There are two papers that last approximately 50 minutes in duration that are divided into timed sections.

Your child will take the test in the September they start Year 6. The test usually takes place at the grammar school listed first on your registration form and you will receive information from the school closer to the date.

## Getting Started

Moving from primary to secondary school can be overwhelming at the best of times, particularly if this is the first time you have experienced this process!

At Cots Ed, we are with you for the whole of your Grammar School journey from finding out more about the Grammar School process up to taking the actual test and any subsequent appeals you may undertake. We run regular Parent/Carer Information evenings that are free to attend. You can also find more information on our website.



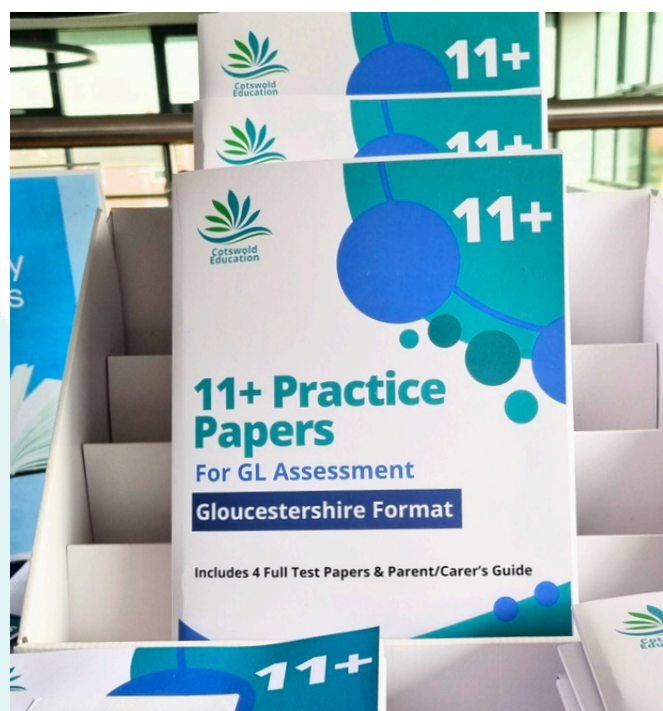
## Do I need a tutor?

To pass the 11+ you definitely don't need a tutor, but it is very likely that without a tutor your child will need support from their parents or carers. As with any test that your child will take (from SATs through to GCSEs and beyond!), having an idea of what the test will look like and how to answer the questions is very helpful.

GL Assessment, which is the test provider for Gloucestershire, provides free materials to use for practice and there are other suitable materials on sale. The verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning sections take a bit of getting used to as the types of question are new to many, but certainly not so difficult that most adults couldn't help their child prepare. The English and Maths sections are related to the school curriculum.

It's said that you can get into grammar school without tutoring, and some people say that was the case with their child. However, the reality is that having some preparation is incredibly useful, even if formal tuition is not used.

A tutor can be helpful, especially if they are experienced with GL tests and can provide guidance. If you don't want to or are unable to use a tutor, then keep an eye out for our free parent/carer information evenings. We will be talking about what the test involves, as well as tips and tricks for how you can help your child prepare. We also provide group tuition, courses and highly recommend our mocks, which give your child a genuine sense of what the exam conditions will be like.





# Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

**If your child has SEND or medical needs, you might be wondering whether taking the 11+ exam is the right path, or if there are any access arrangements that may help them.**

The schools will all adhere to the Equal Opportunities regulations. For example, the Pates Admissions Policy states 'The School acts at all times in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and will therefore consider a request for reasonable adjustments from the parents of any disabled child who wishes to attend the school for the Test. Parents should notify the School when they register if their child will need additional support on Test day.'

In order to apply for reasonable adjustments, you will need to provide recent evidence of any diagnosis, or a recent My Plan/My Plan+ or EHCP.

The grammar school may also contact your child's primary school to ask for further information.

Examples of types of reasonable adjustments may include: extra time, rest breaks, smaller group in the classroom, an individual room, a pre-test visit, an early entry time, a reader, a scribe or toilet breaks.

This is not a complete list, so please contact the school directly to ask for more information on what support your child may be eligible for.

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## What support do we offer?

At Cotswold Education we want to make every child's test preparation as comfortable as possible. We are a fully inclusive organisation and aim to make reasonable adjustments for any child who may need them in order to access our events.

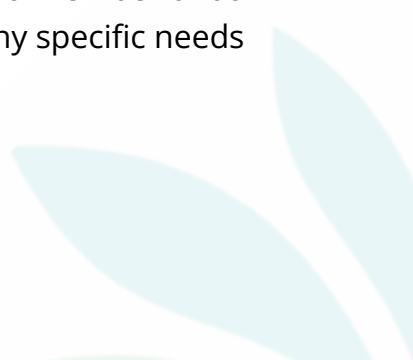
All of our in-person events are in fully accessible spaces with an accessible toilet available. Our online events can have closed captions provided for any pupil or parents with a hearing impairment.

We provide a SEND room at selected Mock Tests for pupils with identified SEND needs. These may include adjustments for extra time and rest breaks as well as a quieter space in which to sit the test.

We can also offer early entry to pupils who may need a quieter start to the test.

Children may use any equipment that they are authorised to use at school (e.g. overlays, ear defenders etc). We have staff at our events who have experience of supporting children with additional learning needs.

For all our in-person or online events, please get in touch with a member of our team if your child has any specific needs that we can help with.





## Events & Bookings

We run both online and in-person events. Our online events usually take place on Zoom. You can find out more about the venue for our in person events on the individual event booking page.

All bookings are made through our secure booking site, which is linked to our website. If you have a child receiving free school meals, please contact us as we offer a number of discounted or free places at our events.

If you need to cancel a booking or if you or your child is ill on the actual day, please let us know as far in advance as possible so we can discuss this with you.

If you haven't already, it's worth signing up to our mailing list to receive regular updates about any changes to the 11+ test as well as information on upcoming events and discounts.

We take safeguarding very seriously. All tutors hold an enhanced DBS certificate and we have a Qualified Paediatric First Aider at each event. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our website. We complete a thorough risk assessment for each of our events and access to events is restricted and monitored. When you sign up for an event, you will be asked information about your child including whether you are happy for us to take photos/videos, information on allergies and any other needs we need to be aware of. You are welcome to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions.

## Personal Consultations

We're always happy to answer your questions about our events and to chat over a cup of coffee at our mock tests. We can also help by email or over the phone.

Sometime you might like to have a longer discussion about supporting your child or other aspects of 11+ preparation. If so please book a personal consultation with us for a more in depth planning session.

**Join our mailing list!**

Scan here







# Year 4 Support

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Parent/Carer Information Evenings	Online	Free!	9
Group Tuition Course (8 weeks)	Online	£140 per term	9
11+ Activity Day (Summer only)	In Person	£59	10
11+ Book Club	Online	Free!	10

There are many things that you can do to help your Year 4 child prepare. Much of the 11 test is based on the school curriculum (particularly Maths and English) so supporting them with school work set by their teachers will also help them with the 11+. Part of handling the verbal reasoning questions is having a good vocabulary. You can help your child develop their vocabulary in a number of ways such as

by encouraging them to read (or reading with them), playing vocabulary based games (e.g. scrabble, or online word games) or just by talking to them! This year we are introducing our first Online Group Tuition course for children in Year 4. This course introduces 11+ concepts, knowledge and question types in a relaxed and engaging way by using a variety of appropriate puzzles and games.



# Online Parent/Carer Information Evenings

When your child reaches Year 4, it's natural to start thinking about what the next step in their school journey will be. If it is the first time you have gone through this process, it can feel overwhelming to know where to start, particularly regarding grammar schools!

Our Online Parent/Carer Information Evenings take place on Zoom and for Year 4 parents we focus on general ways you can support your child before they start more formal preparation for the 11+ test. We discuss fun and entertaining ways to help your child to improve a range of skills which are beneficial for the 11+ test and beyond!

We will also talk about games and activities that you can use to make learning fun, whether or not you end up applying for grammar school.

## Year 4 Online Group Tuition Courses (Live)

In 2024/25 we will be running two 11+ courses for children in Year 4 that will last for 8 weeks. Each course can be taken individually or as part of a year long programme. The courses aim to help your child begin their 11+ journey in a fun and engaging way. We will use a variety of puzzles and games that have been created by CGP publishers as well as our own resources to encourage 11+ development. The courses will support the English and Maths components featured in the National Curriculum but we will also introduce the verbal and non-verbal question styles that will likely be new to your child.

The courses will run online, "live" on Zoom and the emphasis will be on developing the foundational skills and knowledge necessary to be ready for any more formal preparation that is done in Year 5. The courses are also ideal if you have children that are unsure about the 11+ test and would benefit from an informal yet structured approach that can prevent 11+ burnout.

Please note that these are two separate courses and if you would like to enrol your child on both, you will need to book a place on both courses. You will also need to purchase the CGP materials that go alongside the course (details for which are on our booking site).





# 11+ Activity Day

**Learning to help develop skills and build confidence!**

Our Activity Day takes place in the summer for children who have just completed Year 4. It is suitable for any child considering the 11+ or more generally honing academic skills for Year 5

The day is repeated in February for Year 5 children.

It is well documented that information and skills learnt in fresh settings (particularly those involving fun activities) enable easier retention. With this in mind, our activity days utilise the expertise of our experienced tutors to help children develop skills and knowledge through enjoyable games and tasks.

We will focus on developing a range of English, Maths and Non-Verbal skills that appear in the national curriculum and in the 11+ test. Your child will use and develop skills like logic and teamwork to solve team-based challenges.

An added bonus is that children often make new friends taking part in the fun activities.

## The 11+ Activity Day includes:

- Active Ice Breaker session.
- Puzzles and games using English, Maths and Non-Verbal skills.
- Individual and team working activities to develop social skills and collaboration.
- A fun environment to build confidence and encourage learning.
- Free light refreshments (dietary needs catered for on request).
- No hidden extras! Just provide a packed lunch.

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**If school was like this every day I'd actually enjoy going!**

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## 11+ Book Club

New for 2024/25, our free book club is intended to nurture a love of reading within the Cotswold Education community. It is specifically designed to foster growth in reading ability through the careful selection of books from across a wide variety of genres. All books are of suitable academic level for children in Year 4 who may wish to sit the 11+ exam.

This will be a monthly online book club where we will provide a selected list of books for each session, related to a particular genre. From here, the group will select the book for each month.

We will provide appropriate questions that can be used as a guide for discussion, matching the chosen book, and an activity relating to it for children to complete if they wish.

It is anticipated that the book club will become self-supporting with parents/carers (who will complete a DBS check as necessary) hosting future book club meetings.





# SPY EXPERIENCE

## TRAINING DAYS

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**Trainee Agents wanted!**



**Our Spy Experience Training Day is a great experience for children aged 9-11 that love solving puzzles, cracking codes and using gadgets!**

The training day is an immersive experience where Trainee Agents will learn about:

- Surveillance and information gathering techniques
- Developing observation skills to be more aware of the world around us
- How to create and crack codes using a number of methods
- Self-defence and safety skills for agents on-location
- Developing field skills and how to use everyday objects for ingenious espionage activities

We also have a fantastic range of gadgets including thermal imaging cameras, hidden cameras, walkie talkies, gadget pens, hidden safes, field microscope and many more. Our amazing laser tag game has been a big hit in our previous events!

Follow us on social media or sign up to our mailing list for updates  
on our Spy Experience Training Day!





# Year 5 Support

Overview	Face to face or Online?	Price	Page
Parent/Carer Information Evenings	Online	Free!	13
11+ Activity Day	In Person	£59	13
Group Tuition Courses Term 1 (8 weeks) Term 2 (10 weeks)	Both Online	£160 £200	15
Spring Course Grammar Crammer	Both Online	£135 each	15
Booster Classes	All Online	£20	16
Masterclasses	All Online	£20	16
11+ Mock Test	In Person	£60	18
11+ Summer Camp	In Person	£200	20
Online Revision Day	Online	£70	21



# Online Parent/Carer Information Evenings

At the start of Year 5 it's time to start thinking about your grammar school journey—if you haven't already! Knowing where to get high quality information and “what is right” when it comes to grammar school preparation can be difficult, particularly when there are often many views shared on forums and social media.

Our Online Parent/Carer Information Evenings take place on Zoom and aim to give all parents/carers the information you need to support your child. We believe that parents/carers should have access to reliable information to aid you in making informed decisions about what school is best for your child. These meetings are free to all and there is no expectation that you book onto one of our paid events.

During these sessions, we will discuss all aspects of the Grammar School process from learning about Gloucestershire Grammar Schools and the 11+ test, to how you can help your child prepare, with or without a tutor.

From time to time we run special sessions on particular aspects of the application process such as results day drop in sessions and a meeting on filling in the Common Application Form. Please keep in touch to get the latest information on our free sessions.

## 11+ Activity Day

### Learning to help develop skills and build confidence!

Our 11+ Activity Day takes place in February for children in Year 5. The day is similar to that for Year 4 in the summer so we suggest you attend only one of these.

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- Free light refreshments (dietary needs catered for on request).
- No hidden extras! Just provide a packed lunch.



# Online 11+ Courses (Live Teaching)

All courses, groups and online classes have limited places so we can make sure your child gets the most out of the sessions. We recommend you book early to reserve your child's place. Each course is online, taught 'live' and the content is not duplicated between courses. Your child could join all events listed below without repeating the same content.

Name	Duration	Content	Additional resources
<b>Group Tuition Course 1</b>	Weekly for 8 weeks	Covers many aspects of the 11+ test and uses CGP materials	Includes weekly homework tasks
<b>Group Tuition Course 2</b>	Weekly for 10 weeks	Builds on foundations set in the first course and includes practice tests. Uses CGP materials	Includes weekly homework tasks
<b>Spring Course</b>	Daily for 5 days	Suitable for those new to the 11+ and for those who have done some basic studying. We will introduce elements of English, Maths, VR and NVR	Includes booklet of optional extension activities
<b>Summer Grammar Crammer</b>	Daily for 5 days	Builds on skills learned in the Spring Course. The course is more intensive and includes exam tips and techniques for increasing speed and accuracy	Includes booklet of optional extension activities
<b>Booster Classes</b>	1 hour	Focuses on securing basic skills and knowledge for particular question types/test areas	No
<b>Masterclasses</b>	1 hour	Focuses on mastering particular question types/test areas as well as building accuracy and speed to improve scores	No

**Our highly successful group tuition classes are returning for 2024/25.**

We run two separate tuition courses, each running on one evening per week with the first lasting for 8 weeks and the second for 10 weeks. You can choose to enrol your child on one course or enrol them in both to support your child with progressing from being new to the 11+ right up to being ready to take the test. The first course is aimed at those new to the 11+ and covers each element of the 11+ test (English, Maths, VR and NVR). The second course builds on skills learned and children will progress to doing practice tests to start gaining confidence in “real” 11+ questions. Both courses use resources from CGP, which is a highly respected 11+ publisher.

The course is run by two of our staff who are highly qualified teachers with 11+ tutoring experience. We have low staff:student ratios for these sessions. Each session will be online and focus on the material for that week. There will then be “homework” set each week that we estimate should take your child no more than an hour to complete.

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## Short Courses

We run two short courses, the Spring Course and the Summer Grammar Crammer. Both courses run over 5 mornings in one week, lasting 2.5 hours with a 15 minute break. They are led by two highly experienced tutors and the courses do not duplicate one another.

The **Spring Course** is suitable for children who are new to the 11+ and also for those who have done some basic studying, but would like some more practice and skill development. Each session includes elements of English, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning and Numerical Skills. The sessions are interactive and we encourage students to engage in active learning. By the end of the course, your child will feel confident in tackling a range of GL style 11+ questions, but they will also have enhanced knowledge of the school curriculum to help them in their day-to-day lessons.

The **Summer Grammar Crammer** is a more intensive course that assumes your child is aware of the key question types. We will support students to increase their depth of knowledge whilst teaching a range of tips and techniques, that past students have found useful in helping them achieve high scores in the test.

Each course includes a booklet of optional extension activities for your child to carry out independently or with their family, helping them to further develop their understanding of the 11+ test topics. The courses run in the school holidays



# Booster Classes NEW

Our Booster Classes aim to support your child with securing the basic skills and knowledge required in the given subject areas. They focus on a particular element of the 11+ test and are useful if your child is struggling with a particular question type or area of study. Each class will explain the key ideas and help your child to recognise how they can approach tricky questions and provide guidance when things get tough. Booster Classes aim to support your child with developing foundational skills in the area they are struggling with. The sessions will take place online and last for 1 hour. There is no limit to how many sessions your child can join and we will add more as the year progresses.

## We run Booster Classes on:

- Alphabet codes.
- Comprehension.
- Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPAG).
- Fractions.
- Shapes & Angles.



## Masterclasses

Our Masterclasses run similarly to Booster Classes but are for children who are already performing reasonably well in that particular element and want to achieve higher scores in the test.

Each Masterclass is dedicated to one topic in the 11+ test. The sessions take place online and last for one hour. As with our other online events, we encourage your child to take part in the interactive elements, but they are welcome to just sit and listen if they would like. The masterclasses begin by focusing on understanding the topic we are discussing before moving onto tips, tricks and shortcuts to help your child answer these questions more quickly and accurately. There is no limit to how many sessions your child can join.

## We run Masterclasses on:

- Verbal Reasoning (four different sessions).
- Maths (Arithmetic Tips, Fractions, Shapes & Angles).
- Non-Verbal Reasoning (two different sessions).
- Comprehension.
- Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar.
- Ready for Anything (extra potential topics).



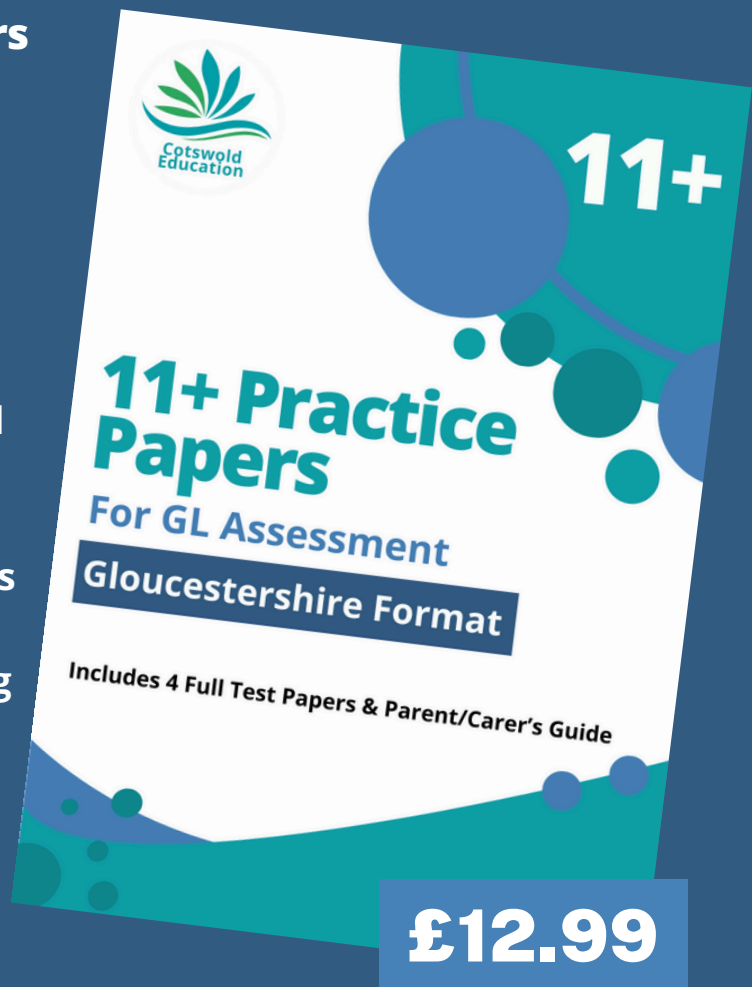
**We add Booster and Masterclasses masterclasses throughout the year based on feedback and suggestions, so sign up to our mailing list to keep up to date!**

# Looking for practice papers?

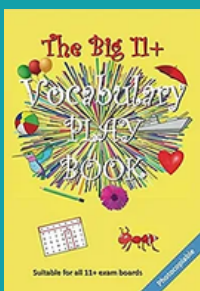
**GL Style 11+ Practice Papers**  
written in the style of the  
**Gloucestershire 11+ Test.**

- Gloucestershire grammar school test format.
- Four test papers - two English/Verbal Reasoning and two Non-Verbal Reasoning/Maths.
- Multiple choice answer sheets as used in the real test.
- Links to feedback video giving answers and explanations.

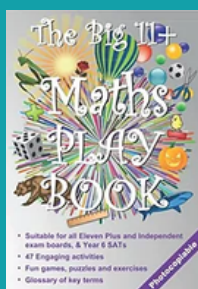
**Available for purchase from Amazon or at our Mock Tests.**



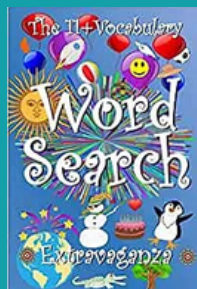
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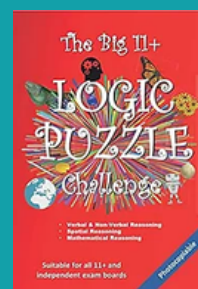
**The Big 11+ Vocabulary Play Book**  
(The Big 11+ Series)  
The Armadillo's Pillow Ltd.



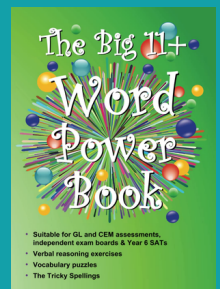
**The Big 11+ Maths Play Book**  
(The Big 11+ Series)  
The Armadillo's Pillow Ltd.



**The 11+ Vocabulary Word Search Extravaganza**  
(The Big 11+ Series)  
The Armadillo's Pillow Ltd.



**The Big 11+ Logic Puzzle Challenge**  
(The Big 11+ Series)  
The Armadillo's Pillow Ltd.



**The Big 11+ Word Power Book**  
(The Big 11+ Series)  
The Armadillo's Pillow Ltd.



# 11+ Mock Tests

**Our GL Style 11+ Mock Tests give an authentic experience of what sitting the 2025 Grammar School Entrance Test will be like. The tests comprise of two full length papers taken under supervised exam conditions in a secondary school venue. The test is taken with other children to help build your child's confidence in this environment. The tests are designed to be relatively challenging, whilst enabling all students to gain experience of test conditions. There is a refreshment break between the papers.**

Parents/Carers are welcome to stay and chat with our experienced staff over free refreshments. We'll also have a range of books and other resources for you to browse and buy. You don't have to bring anything with you other than a snack and drink for your child during the break between papers.

After your child sits the paper, you will receive an extensive, individually prepared report with raw marks, percentage marks and ranking position, which will be emailed to you within 7 days of the test. We also provide a summary of your child's performance and recommendations for how they can improve their scores.

We will send you your child's marked answers sheets after the test with a link to a feedback video going through all of the questions and giving the correct answers. We even include some useful hints and tips in these videos, which will help with future tests.



## Can my child sit more than one test?

We write all of our mock papers and no paper has ever been distributed. We can guarantee that your child won't have sat the paper before. Each date has a different paper, so your child can sit as many mock tests as they want. Please note that the papers on the morning and afternoon sessions are the same so please don't book two tests on the same day.



Practicing 11+ questions is really helpful but this on its own doesn't necessarily prepare your child for what it will be like to sit the actual test. This is where attending a mock test can be very beneficial. Sitting a mock test gives your child the chance to practice being in an environment with peers, under exam conditions. This can help them feel more comfortable with the environment and children often show a marked improvement over several mocks.

The actual pass mark for an 11+ exam changes yearly, so your child's ranking can tell you more about how likely they are to get into the school of their choice than the individual scores on the practice paper.

We have been running mock tests for over 12 years. The means we are able to provide you with a ranking that will give you a good idea of what school your child is likely to get into.

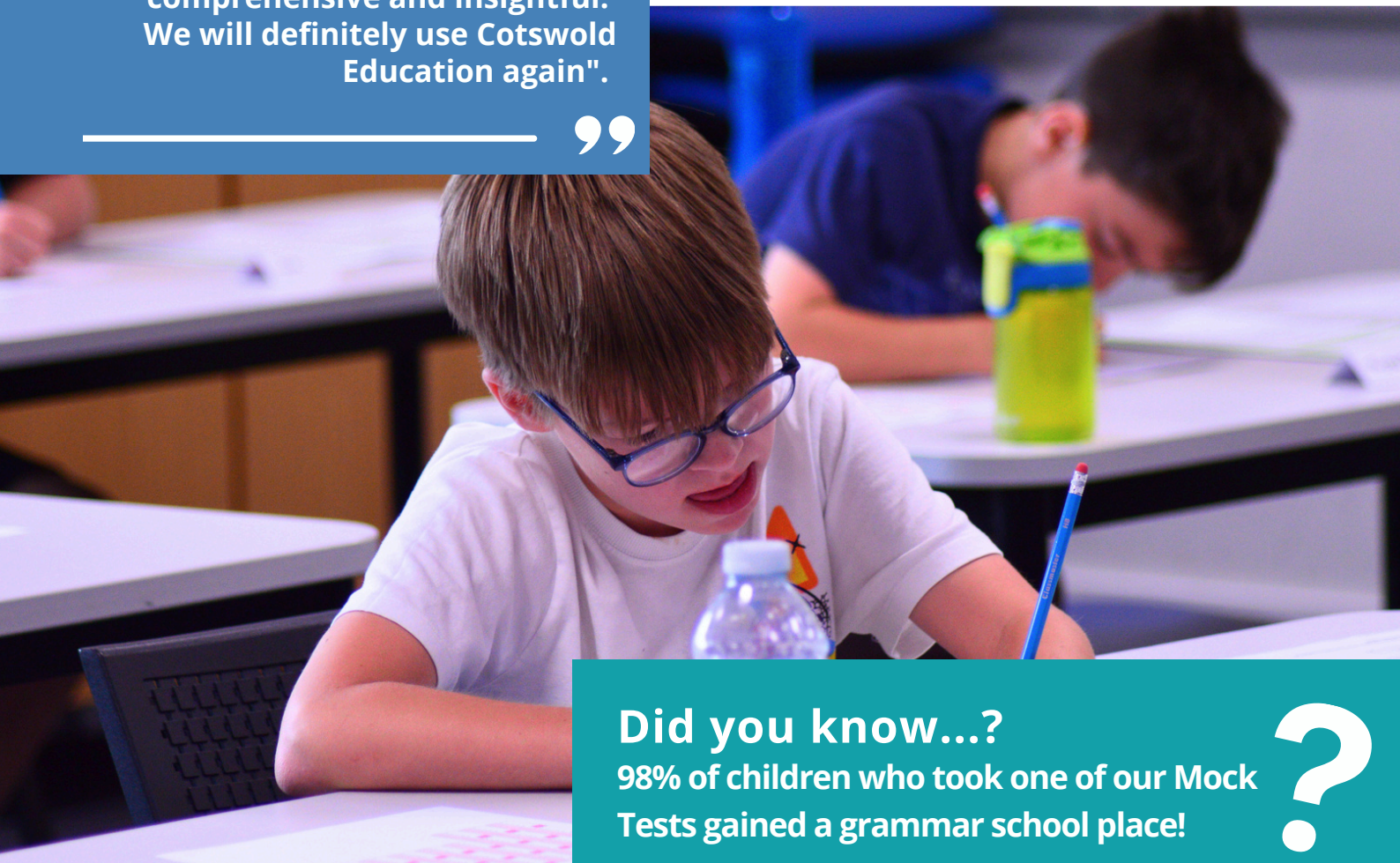
### “ A great support in preparing for the 11plus

We found the mock exams extremely useful in preparing our son for the 11 Plus. The exams were conducted in a realistic manner and the feedback was comprehensive and insightful. We will definitely use Cotswold Education again".

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### »»» Exam Access Arrangements

We are able to offer exam access arrangements at the some of our mock tests. For more information on exam access arrangements and how we can support your child, please refer to page 6.



### Did you know...?

98% of children who took one of our Mock Tests gained a grammar school place!







# 11+ Summer Camp

**Our 11+ Summer Camp is dedicated to supporting your child with 11+ preparation whilst responding to the more relaxed summer dynamic. Teaching is delivered in small groups using a low staff:student ratio.**

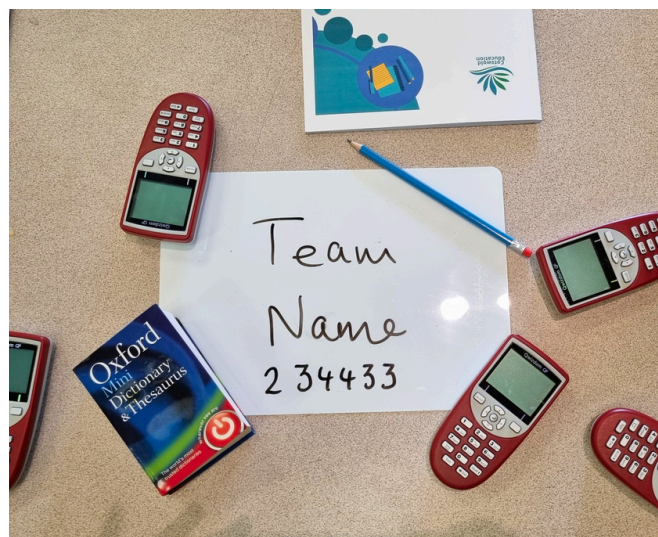
Sessions have been carefully planned to include all elements of the grammar school exam using a mixture of digital learning, workbook based activities and practical, kinetic, dynamic group work. The camp runs over two days and covers all four elements of the test.

Every child will receive a reference booklet with extension activities they can practice at home. We provide light refreshments and can cater for various dietary needs.

No hidden extras, just provide a packed lunch!

## The days include:

- Games developing 11+ skills.
- Sessions on how to tackle English tests.
- Sessions on verbal reasoning question types and how to solve them.
- Sessions on tips and tricks for mathematical tasks.
- Sessions on non-verbal reasoning.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar questions.



## Got any questions?

If you are unsure about which events are right for your child or just want to chat more before booking, get in touch and we'd be happy to discuss your options.



# Online 11+ Revision Day

Our Online 11+ Revision Day is a day-long interactive event that aims to give your child the opportunity to do some last minute revision in a relaxed learning environment on Zoom. There will be lots of tips and tricks about how to approach a broad range of topics to help save time and to grow confidence on how to approach question types.

## Can I spread out the costs?

**Yes! As of this year, we will be able to offer different payment options including spreading costs out. We are also able to provide offers for children receiving free school meals. Get in touch with us if you want to find out more.**

There are sessions on English, Maths, Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning, with a focus on revision and tackling GL style questions.

Our team will be using video and audio but there is no requirement for them to use video, although it is nice to see who is taking part! We encourage all children to participate with the interactive parts of the course and we promise not to make anyone feel awkward.

We suggest that parents/carers are with their child or nearby, in case they need assistance. There will be time for children and parents to ask any questions they have about preparing for the test.







## Why choose us?

At Cotswold Education, we are here for you for the whole of your grammar school journey. We can offer individual consultations, signpost to resources and help you with applying for grammar school. We can even help with appeals if the results weren't what you hoped!

As a family-run business beginning in 2011, we have personal experience of the whole primary and secondary education system in Gloucestershire, including grammar school applications and school appeals. Some of our children went to Grammar School and we know all too well what it is like to go through this process! Our own experience has shaped how we run Cotswold Education and we have gathered a wonderful team of talented teachers and tutors.

All of our tutors have experience in the education sector either as primary/secondary school teachers, higher education or 1:1/group tutors. Our extensive experience in education has allowed us to design and run high quality education events and courses for both children and parents/carers.

### We write all of our mock test papers and courses.

This means we are able to collect historic data to provide you with a rank and a good prediction for what schools your child may get into if they had sat the real paper. Our mocks are popular, meaning your child's ranking will be from a large cohort.

### We offer an authentic mock test experience

Our events take place in a Secondary School, where possible, and children generally do not know each other when they get there. Each child has their own table, which not all mock providers do!

### We offer competitive prices

Our prices are competitive, with additional discounts and offers for our courses and mock events. We also offer free resources such as our Parent/Carer Information Evenings. Pupil Premium place are available (please contact us to discuss this further)

### We can provide exam access arrangements

We are able to offer a SEN room and we have a SENCO on the team who can offer advice on the 11+ process. Our in-person events are wheelchair accessible

### We provide both in-person & online events

We know that not everyone likes being online, whilst others may not like or be able to meet in person. We offer a mix of online and in-person events throughout the year.

### We listen

We value all of the feedback we get and this has led to the creation of new courses and events for both last year and this year!

### Spy Experience

We offer a "Spy Experience" that teaches 11+ skills in a unique, fun and interactive way.

### We know Gloucestershire

Our staff live in Gloucestershire and are able to use local knowledge of the process and Gloucestershire GL Test to be able to answer your questions at our events.





## “ Really helpful on our 11+ journey

Really pleased to have used Cotswold Education for a number of extras for my son's 11+ journey in 2021. I took part in a helpful online seminar. My son did a remote course for a few days in the holiday, plus an in-person workshop. The mock test was invaluable in getting him used to taking a test in a new environment under strict test conditions. My son secured a place at the grammar of his choice. I'd definitely recommend them to anyone else whose children want to do the 11+.



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## Best 11+ Prep for Gloucestershire

**Fantastic 11+ mock exams and other online/in-person preparatory events, backed up with great written products**

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## Excellent preparation

**Excellent preparation for my son who has SEN**



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## One of the best mock providers

One of the best mock providers in Cheltenham. Closest to the actual GL Exam this year - 2023.



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Scan the QR code to book your events today!



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## Very detailed and useful feedback

[The mock tests had] very detailed and useful feedback. A realistic test stretching the child's ability - some other providers seem to provide overly easy tests which isn't what a mock should be.

## “Fantastic, professional and friendly

My daughter has enjoyed numerous events hosted by Cotswold Education over the past year, including Masterclass sessions via Zoom and mock tests. The Cotswold Education team are so friendly and professional, and they have helped us immensely on our 11+ journey. I have already recommended them to others who are commencing their test preparation for next year.





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