

St Faith's
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Sample English Paper
for entry into
Year 6

St Faith's Entry Assessments in English

All pupils seeking to come to St Faith's undertake an age-standardised assessment test which is appropriate to the Year they wish to enter.

What does the test comprise of?

- *Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar exercises. (SPaG)
- *Multiple-choice comprehension in response to a passage of fiction and a passage of non-fiction.
- *Some more extended written responses based on the same passages.
- *A written task appropriate for the age group.

What does the test assess?

Reading processes

- i) Retrieval of information
- ii) Simple inference
- iii) Complex inference
- iv) Authorial techniques

Writing skills

- i) Spelling
- ii) Grammar – punctuation
- iii) Grammar – consistency eg tenses
- iv) Composition and effect
- v) Text organisation
- vi) Sentence structure
- vii) Vocabulary

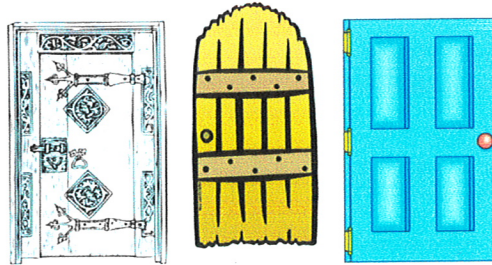
Examples of the kind of written tasks undertaken, are provided.

Entry into Year 6

English test

In addition to the accuracy tests (grammar, spelling and punctuation) and reading comprehension test, candidates will also be required to produce a piece of free writing, an example of the type of task being given below. Marks will be awarded for how imaginative and interesting the piece is, how well it is structured into paragraphs, the variety and control of sentences, and the richness and appropriateness of vocabulary used.

Example



Imagine that you have arrived at the house where you are staying on holiday. When you go exploring, you find a door, and when you open it you cannot believe your eyes! Describe as carefully and closely as you can, exactly what you see.