

11+ MASTERCLASSES AND MOCK EXAMS

For Stage II of super-selective grammar schools
For entrance examination of private schools



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MASTERCLASSES AND MOCK EXAMS FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOLS (STAGE II) AND PRIVATE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

Introduction

The Masterclasses are run from Aug to mid-Nov every year. These are aimed at Stage II of the super-selective grammar schools. It is also suitable for private school entrance examinations.

Super-selective Grammar Schools:

As you know, some of the super-selective schools (St. Olave's & Sutton) have two stages of examination.

Stage I:

- The Stage I generally test the ability of students across English, Verbal, Non-verbal and Maths
- The questions are in Multiple-choice format.
- Only a selective number of students from Stage I will be invited to appear on Stage II.
- St. Olave's generally taken top 500 from approx. 1200 students. Sutton usually takes 700 from approx. 2500 students. This data may change every year.
- Marks from Stage I will be counted towards the final result.

Stage II:

- Stage II test the ability of students in standard format – Creative writing, Comprehension (MCQ) and Standard Maths
- The English section for SO also includes analysis of a poem.
- The difficulty level is significantly higher than Stage I.
- It is less likely to get appropriate books or test papers that cater for Stage II exam.

Private Schools

Most of the private school test students based on the following criteria:

- a) Stage I – Maths (one hour; standard) English (one hour, including both comprehension and creative writing – one page).
- b) Stage II – Interview (may include Group Discussion)

Please note that Standard Comprehension and Interview etc. are not covered in this course.

Target Schools:

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS	Students also found this course useful for
St. Olave's	Westminster, Sevenoaks, CLSB, Habs
Wilson	Alleyns, Trinity, Dulwich, Eltham, Whitgift, JAGS
Sutton	



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Challenges:

- **Less time**
 - There are fewer weekends between St. Olave's Stage I and Stage II.
 - Note that the prep for Stage I is mostly done in the summer term where students have the luxury of a full day to prepare. However, the time available for Stage II is very tight, considering that
 - Students have to switch from MCQ to a standard format
 - They have to acquire some newer concepts
- **Different skills set is needed for Stage II and private school exams**
 - Maths (standard format, i.e. demonstrate steps)
 - Advanced English (comprehension and writing skills)
- **Late Results**
 - No exact date is currently available on when the St. Olave's Stage I result would be available. It is usually released around 10th Oct.
 - You may not be sure if your child can make it to Stage II, but you should prep assuming that he is going to pass the Stage I.
- Some parents may decide to wait for Stage I outcome before joining this course, but that may not give enough time to acquire Stage II skills.

Previous years - Admission stats

For Sep 2018 exam, a total of 36 students again have secured offers from St. Olave's and other selections in top private schools – Sevenoaks, CLSB and Dulwich etc.

Key Exam dates

- Sutton/Wilson Stage 2 – 5th October 2019
- St. Olave's Stage 2 Entrance Test: 8th Nov 2019
- Private School Exams – January 2020

Course Options:

Masterclasses: Full 8 sessions course. This option would suit parents who :

- Are **fairly certain** that their child can pass the Stage 1 exam of St. Olave's OR
- Are preparing for private schools.

Mock Exams: Single session mock exam. This option would suit parents who:

- Are **not sure** if their child would pass the Stage 1 exam and would like to enroll after the results are out i.e. mid Oct.
- Wish to attend only some sessions.

Further course details are explained below.



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MASTERCLASSES

- **English Comprehension:**
 - These are usually long and very challenging than the ones required for Stage I/Kent/Bexley.
 - There are also a few questions in the paper that test your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar.
 - We cover MCQ format, not the standard format.

- **Creative Writing:**
 - Explain writing fundamentals and key scoring areas
 - Explain various writing formats – continuation, report, letter etc.
 - Explain plots for various scenarios, key phrases and ambitious vocabulary

- **Poem Analysis:**
 - Explain the key fundamentals of poem analysis and how to structure your answers
 - Cover using a carefully selected popular poems
 - Explain the analysis

- **Standard Maths:**
 - Cover fundamentals for complex questions
 - Take test (standard format)
 - Teach concepts
 - Explain exam techniques

Course Schedule and Course Fee

Option 1: This option would suit parents who wish to know Stage I results before committing for Stage II preparation.

- a) Pre-Stage II results – 4 classes
- b) Mock exams post Stage II results – 4 mock exams; you can choose the number of mock exams you wish your child to take.

Option 2: Full 8 weeks course

This option is no longer available as all seats (30) are already sold out.



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4 WEEKS COURSE – Pre-Stage I results

Masterclasses - MCH					30
Session #	Date	Day	Start	End	Location (Orpington)
Session 1	25-08-2019	Sunday	12:30 noon	3pm	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 2	20-09-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy
Session 3	27-09-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy
Session 4	04-10-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy

Course Fee: £350

All sessions are payable i.e. no pro-rata bookings are allowed.

The first session is conducted in August i.e. before Stage I exam.

Kindly note that the sessions are 2.5hrs long, but plenty of efforts go into planning the material, marking the homework and providing email/phone support. The material is our intellectual property and is not shared with the parents.

In the event of class cancellation from our side (due to unforeseen circumstances), the fee for that session would be refunded on a pro-rata basis i.e. £75 per session. If you miss the class for any reason, we cannot provide material or an alternate slot.

Seat Allocation:

- The seats are **not** assigned by a “first-come-first-serve” basis.
- Due to limited seats available, some existing tuition students may not be offered a seat at all.

Next steps:

- Kindly complete Additional information form (under Contact Us on the website) if you are not enrolled in the weekend classes.
- Kindly drop an email at contact@ace11plustuition to register your interest for Masterclasses.
- You'll be contacted if a space is available + payment details would be provided.



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MOCK EXAMS – Post Stage I results

Mock Exams					
Session #	Date	Day	Start	End	Location (Orpington)
Mock1	11-10-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy
Mock2	18-10-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy
Mock3	25-10-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy
Mock4	01-11-2019	Friday	6:15pm	8:45pm	Harris Academy

Fee: £100 per session.

Kindly drop an email at contact@ace11plustuition to register your interest for Mock exams. You would be sent a link to complete your preference i.e. how many sessions you wish to attend.

You must **carefully** complete the preference form. We will send you a confirmation and only then the payments should be made. The last session on 1st Nov would be first given to parents who have booked one or more of the previous sessions.

If you are existing tuition student and have chosen this option, your tuition and on-going support would end on 24th / 25th Aug 2019.

What is covered?

Each sessions would include:

- **English Comprehension –**
 - Class test only
 - Multiple choice format
 - Only scores are given
 - Question paper is not returned or discussed in the class
- **Poem analysis**
 - Class test only.
 - Explanation is tutored in the class. Your writing is not marked.
 - No test on 1st Nov; Students would read some analysis of popular poems.
- **Creative Writing –**
 - Attempt a writing piece in the class
 - Writing is marked and returned (scanned pdf) within 3-5 working days
 - No test on 1st Nov; Students would be taught some plots and strategies.
- **Maths – Class Test**
 - Class test only
 - Standard format
 - Multi-part questions
 - Only scores are given within 3-5 working days
 - Question paper is not returned
 - No further breakdown of weaker topics or any additional information is provided.

What is not covered?

- It is a mock exam i.e. where your child would take a test and scores are provided to the parents. Very limited tutoring would be done in these sessions.



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- No exam guidance, strategy or help on submitting CAF preferences is provided.
- No online or any additional resources are provided.

Booking for Mock exams (after 10th Oct 2019)

- *Results for St. Olave's Stage I is declared around this stage. We are generally flooded with enquiries where parents wish to do an intense Stage II prep in the remaining time.*
- *We can only offer Mock exams (depending on the availability). The Masterclasses course (Sunday morning) is already sold out in June.*
- *Bookings for Mock exams are done manually via phone/email/internet banking.*
- *You may be asked to complete the preference form.*
- *Seat confirmation would be provided asap.*
- *Payment should be made '**promptly**' to our bank account by the requested dates (not when you made the transfer). In absence of payment received, your child cannot attend the class.*
- *Booking fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. We regret that we cannot refund any bookings unless the day in question is cancelled or details of the test day are significantly changed (for example, time, venue, date, etc.).*
- *No unpaid absences are allowed and there are no resits.*



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FULL 8 WEEKS COURSE

THIS OPTION IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AS ALL 30 SEATS ARE BOOKED.

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Session #	Date	Day	Start	End	Location (Orpington)
Session 1	18-08-2019	Sunday	12:30 noon	3pm	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 2	22-09-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 3	29-09-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 4	06-10-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 5	13-10-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 6	20-10-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 7	27-10-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School
Session 8	03-11-2019	Sunday	9:30am	12noon	Tubbenden Primary School

Course Fee: £600, payable by 30th Jun 2019

The first session is conducted in August i.e. before Stage I exam.

You must **carefully** complete the preference form. We will send you a confirmation and only then the payments should be made

Kindly note that the sessions are 2.5hrs long, but plenty of efforts go into planning the material, marking the homework and providing email/phone support. The material is our intellectual property and is not shared with the parents.

No monies will be refunded if you pull out of the course after the Stage I results.

In the event of class cancellation from our side (due to unforeseen circumstances), the fee for that session would be refunded on a pro-rata basis i.e. £75 per session. If you miss the class for any reason, we cannot provide material or an alternate slot.

You would be given the following:

- **Online tests and additional support**
- **Guidance on Whatsapp/phone calls**
- **Strategy to prepare and guidance on CAF**

Seat Allocation:

- The seats are **not** assigned by a "first-come-first-serve" basis.
- Due to limited seats available, some existing tuition students may not be offered a seat at all.

Next steps:

- Please fill the preference form
- You will receive a seat confirmation
- **Pay course fee before 30th Jun**



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COURSE FAQ

- ***I can't attend all sessions (or can only attend 1.5 hr) due to other commitments. Can I pay for the partial duration?***
- *The course fee is fixed, and no refunds would be made for any absences. You must try your best to attend all sessions, as each session would be quite crucial to the prep. No homework, updates or test papers, etc. would be emailed if you miss the session.*
- ***Can I try one session before paying the entire amount? I will pay for it.***
- *The course is expected to be a high sell out, and therefore, there are no trial sessions.*
- ***The weekdays or timings do not suit me. Can we come on alternate days?***
- *Unfortunately, there are no other Masterclasses courses.*
- ***I go to church, and the timings don't suit me. What do I do?***
- *Apologies but we are going to only one class for Stage II prep with an exact number of seats.*
- ***Can you terminate the child from the course?***
- *Yes, but is a highly unlikely scenario. At our discretion, we may terminate the child from the course due to academic or other reasons (arriving late, disturbing others in the class, etc.). Any outstanding monies for the unattended sessions would be refunded in 3-5 working days.*
- ***Can the parents see the material of the course?***
- *No. The material is highly confidential due to commercial reasons and will not be shared with the parents. Some material (at our discretion) will be provided to the parents.*
- ***My child will not be able to retain everything that's taught in the course. How can this be ensured?***
- *Students will get plenty of exam like practice in this course. They may not be able to memorise the test but will learn the strategy to solve questions cleverly. They can take notes in the class while concepts are taught.*
- ***Will my child pass the 11+ exam after completing this course?***
- *This course will facilitate the preparation, and your child would be better prepared for the exam. However, it does not provide a guaranteed recipe to pass the exam.*
- ***Is there parking available at the location?***
- *There may be very limited car park available. If there is a shortage of spaces, please park in the off-street parking and walk (5 mins).*
- ***I can get tuition for £30 per hour. Why is the course fee high?***
- *We haven't come across specialised Stage II tutors in the market. Also, their quality of tutoring and success rate may not be comparable to ours. Please feel free to ask them how many students they taught who got confirmed offers from St. Olave's and top private schools.*



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- ***I am going to Tesco, and the network is poor in the basement parking. Is that ok?***
- *Please ensure that you keep your phone handy and you are reachable during the session time so that you can be contacted in case of any emergencies.*

- ***I won't be able to collect on time. Will there be some penalty?***
- *We are expensive child-minders 😊. You must arrive just before the session finish time. Parents not collecting on time (within 10 minutes of finish time) will be fined £50 as late collection charge and may also be terminated from the course.*
- ***Protocol adopted where parents do not arrive on time:***
 - *Call mobile number of the parent*
 - *Wait for 15 mins in the classroom (fine imposed and/or terminated)*
 - *Lock premises and wait for another 15 mins outside the gates*
 - ***Call 999 and report the incident to police***

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- *Please ensure that you keep your phone handy and you are reachable during the session time so that you can be contacted in case of any emergencies.*

- ***I get paid on the 25th of the month. Can I start the course from 17th Sep and pay the full fee on the 25th Sep?***
- *You will not be allowed to join the course without payment.*

Please email us asap for any specific query, and we will try to return within 1-3 business days.