



Intensive October Camp for 7+ and 8+ Selective School Preparation

20th-24th October Essex Church, Notting Hill

9am - 1:30pm each day (22.5 hours of intensive teaching and learning)

Small group sizes - classes are limited to 6 pupils

Adult to child ratio 2:6

Cost: £1125 plus VAT

Why Choose the October Camp?

- Led by an experienced Headteacher with a proven record of success
- Deliberately small class sizes for individual attention
- Comprehensive coverage of English, maths, dictation, and reasoning skills
- Daily interview and group activity preparation
- Structured yet supportive environment that stretches and motivates children
- A proven pathway to success in London's most competitive selective schools

Preparing for Success

The October Camp is not just about surviving the exam season—it is about thriving. Children leave the programme equipped with sharper skills, stronger confidence, and a deeper understanding of how to show their best in every part of the assessment process. By combining rigorous academic practice with interview and group preparation, we ensure that pupils are ready for the full range of challenges ahead.

This October, give your child the advantage of expert teaching, small class support, and a proven programme of preparation. Our Intensive October Camp offers everything your child needs to face the selective school process with confidence, skill, and enthusiasm.

Our Intensive October Camp is designed to give children the very best preparation ahead of the challenging 7+ and 8+ selective school entrance process in London. Taking place at a crucial point in the academic year, the camp offers pupils a focused and structured programme that builds both skill and confidence in the weeks leading into exam season.

Delivered by our experienced Headteacher, with support from senior educational leaders, the camp combines high-quality teaching with the energy and pace of intensive preparation. Classes are deliberately small to ensure that each child receives personal attention, tailored guidance, and the encouragement needed to thrive.



Comprehensive Academic Coverage

Each day of the October Camp covers the full range of skills assessed in selective school entry. Children work on:

- **Comprehension:** Pupils explore demanding texts, tackling both multiple-choice and extended written responses. They practise extracting key information, interpreting inference questions, and analysing language to deepen understanding.
- **Writing:** Sessions focus on clarity, accuracy, and creativity. Pupils learn how to plan, structure, and craft engaging pieces of writing across genres such as stories, descriptions, letters, and reports. Emphasis is placed on writing with style, using varied sentence structures and precise vocabulary.
- **Dictation and Spelling:** Accuracy in written English is essential. Dictation exercises sharpen listening skills while consolidating spelling, punctuation, and grammar knowledge. This also develops the ability to write quickly and accurately under timed conditions.
- **Mental Maths:** Short, sharp daily practice builds fluency, recall, and agility with number facts. Pupils tackle arithmetic challenges, word problems, and reasoning questions that strengthen both speed and accuracy.

By revisiting these core areas each day, children reinforce their knowledge and steadily build the habits and stamina required to perform under exam conditions.

Interview and Group Activity Preparation

Selective school entry is about much more than exam papers. Each day ends with a session devoted to interview skills and group activity preparation. Pupils learn how to present themselves with confidence, speak clearly, and answer questions thoughtfully. They practise responding to common interview prompts, discussing stories or current topics, and sharing personal interests in a natural and engaging way.

Group activities are also rehearsed, giving children the chance to practise collaborating, listening, and contributing effectively. They learn to take initiative without dominating, to respect others' ideas, and to show teamwork and leadership—qualities schools value highly during assessment days.



A Supportive but Challenging Environment

The October Camp strikes the right balance between stretch and support. Pupils are challenged with rigorous tasks that mirror real exam demands, yet they are guided every step of the way to ensure they build resilience rather than stress. The small class sizes mean teachers can quickly identify gaps, adapt teaching, and provide immediate feedback to move each child forward.

Our Headteacher brings a wealth of experience in preparing pupils for London's most competitive schools. Her expertise, combined small group sizes and the structured nature of the camp, ensures every session is purposeful and aligned to what schools are truly looking for in successful candidates.

Proven Results

The success of our October Camp speaks for itself. Last year, 100% of pupils who attended received at least one offer from their chosen selective schools. This outstanding track record is the result of expert teaching, careful preparation, and the deliberate focus on both academic skills and the wider competencies schools seek.

Parents consistently tell us that their children leave the camp not only exam-ready but also more confident, independent, and enthusiastic about learning.