



Saturday School for 7+ and 8+ Entrance Exam Preparation

Course A - Starting January 10th 2026 - 10am-1pm Essex Church, Notting Hill

January 10th, 17th, 31st

February 7th, 28th

March 7th, 14th, 21st

3 hours each Saturday (24 hours of intensive teaching and learning)

Small group sizes - classes are limited to 6 pupils

Adult to child ratio 2:6

Cost: £1200 plus VAT

Course B - Starting April 18th 2026 - 10am-1 pm Essex Church, Notting Hill

April 18th, 25th,

May 9th, 16th, 23rd

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,

July 4th

3 hours each Saturday (30 hours of intensive teaching and learning)

Small group sizes - classes are limited to 6 pupils

Adult to child ratio 2:6

Cost: £1500 plus VAT

Our Saturday School has been carefully designed to equip children with the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to succeed in the highly competitive 7+ and 8+ entrance exams. Each weekly session provides structured, purposeful learning in a supportive yet academically challenging environment, ensuring children are thoroughly prepared for the demands of selective school assessments.

At the heart of the programme are timed exercises, which help children develop the ability to work accurately under pressure. By regularly practising within exam-style time constraints, children learn to manage their pace effectively, building the stamina and discipline required to perform at their best in real assessments. For example, a typical exercise may involve reading a short story passage and answering comprehension questions within a set period, or completing a series of number and reasoning problems against the clock.

A strong emphasis is placed on comprehension skills, both in multiple-choice and written response formats. Children are guided through the process of unpicking complex texts, tackling layered inference questions, and appreciating nuanced use of language. Vocabulary development and language appreciation are integrated into every session, allowing pupils not only to decode meaning but also to express themselves with precision and flair. Exercises might include identifying synonyms and antonyms within a passage, writing a short summary in their own words, or responding to inference questions such as "Why did



the character behave in this way?" or "What do you think the writer is trying to suggest here?"

In mathematics, the focus is on strengthening core skills and applying them in increasingly complex contexts. Sessions include two-step and word-based problems that encourage logical reasoning, number fluency, and problem-solving strategies. Children may be asked to calculate change from a shopping bill, work out how long a journey takes using timetables, or solve puzzles involving sequences and patterns. By encountering a variety of problem types, pupils become both confident and versatile in their mathematical thinking.

A key feature of our programme is that classes are deliberately small. This allows every child to receive close attention, targeted guidance, and personalised feedback. Small groups also create a supportive atmosphere where children feel comfortable asking questions, sharing ideas, and building the confidence that is so vital in exam preparation.

The programme is led by a highly experienced former Headteacher, who has a proven track record of guiding pupils to success at London's most competitive super-selective schools. Her expertise is complemented by the support of a senior school leader, ensuring that every child benefits from the highest quality teaching and tailored support.

Beyond the classroom, children are provided with weekly homework tasks to consolidate their learning and stretch their thinking further. Parents and pupils also gain access to a secure online platform, which offers additional practice and personalised feedback. This integration of in-person teaching and digital support ensures consistent progression and targeted improvement.

Our Saturday School is more than just preparation for an exam—it is an opportunity for children to develop a love of learning, sharpen their intellectual curiosity, and acquire the academic habits that will serve them well into the future. With expert teaching, deliberately small classes, carefully structured sessions, and comprehensive support, we provide children with every opportunity to achieve success in the challenging 7+ and 8+ entrance examinations.

What our families say.....

"The small class sizes made such a difference. Our daughter always felt supported and encouraged, and her confidence grew week by week. She went into her 7+ exam feeling calm and prepared."

"We were so impressed with the quality of teaching. The sessions were rigorous but engaging, and the homework and online platform provided the perfect balance of reinforcement. Our son gained a place at his first-choice school, and we are very grateful."

"What stood out for us was the personal attention. The teachers really understood our child's strengths and areas to improve, and their guidance was spot on. It was a challenging but very positive experience."



"The comprehension practice was outstanding. My son moved from struggling with inference questions to answering them with real confidence. He even began to enjoy reading more at home."

"The maths challenges were just right—stretching but never discouraging. My daughter learned to think more logically and to explain her reasoning, which really helped her in the exams."

"The combination of expert teaching, homework tasks, and the online platform gave us a complete package. We could see our child's progress every week, and the feedback kept us fully informed."