Aim High: Oxbridge Pre Admissions Testing. (updated 18/07/2022)

Most courses at Oxford and Cambridge will require some form of pre-admissions testing. These come as a baffling array of acronyms, as such it is your responsibility to know precisely which test you are required to complete for the course you're applying to. Please note that Oxford and Cambridge sometimes have a very similar sounding test for the same course, for example History at Oxford is the History Aptitude Test while the same course at Cambridge is the History Admissions Assessment. Similarly, tangentially related courses often require you to take a test from a subject you are not specifically applying to study. For example Veterinary science at Cambridge requires the Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment.

For a full list of which test is required for which course please see this link

Alcester Grammar School is a test centre with the Cambridge exam board for the following tests and the 2022 test dates are as follows: (follow the links for further information)

18 October	19 October
BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)	Engineering Admissions Assessment (ENGAA)
Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)	Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment (NSAA)
2 November	2 November
English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)	Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)
Classics Admissions Test (CAT)	History Admissions Test (HAT)
Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)	Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)
Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)	Philosophy Test

Oriental Languages Aptitude Test (OLAT)

Thinking Skills Assessment Section 1 (TSA S1)

All tests are paper based in 2022.

If you do not see your test on the list below, for example we are not a test centre for the UKCAT, please contact the exams office or Mr Gill. Many other tests such as the UKCAT and LNAT are administered nationally through the driving theory test centers.

AMESAA - Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Admissions Assessment (Cam)

ASNCAA - Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Admissions Assessment (Cam)

BMAT - Biomedical Admissions Test (Oxon)

CAT - Classics Admissions Test (Oxon)

ECAA - Economics Admissions Assessment (Cam)

ELAT - English Literature Admissions Test (Oxon) (Cam)

ENGAA - Engineering Admissions Assessment (Cam)

GAA - Geography Admissions Assessment (Cam)

HAA - History Admissions Assessment (Cam)

HAT - History Aptitude Test (Oxon)

HSPSAA - Human, Social, and Political Sciences Admissions Assessment (Cam)

MAT - Mathematics Admissions Test (Oxon)

MLAT - Modern Languages Admissions Test (Oxon)

NSAA - Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment (Cam)

OLAT - Oriental Languages Aptitude Test (Oxon)

PAT - Physics Aptitude Test (Oxon)

PBSAA - Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Admissions Assessment (Cam)

PHIL - Philosophy Test (Oxon)

TMUA - Test of Mathematics for University Admission (Russell Group)

TSA - Thinking Skills Assessment (Oxon)

TSAS1 - Thinking Skills Assessment Section 1 (Oxon) (Cam)

If you wish to take any of these tests you must follow the instructions below. The deadline for entries to the Exams office is *no later than 12pm Friday 23rd September*. Late entries will not be accepted. For specific subject support please contact the relevant department. For any other queries please contact Mrs Silcox the Exams Officer or Mr Gill.

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Pre-university testing entry instructions.

All pupils will need to email the Exams Officer with the following information:

- Name (exactly as it appears on their UCAS application and/or passport or national ID document)
- UCAS ID
- Gender
- Date of birth

- Access arrangements
- University and course applied to.

Some tests incur an entry fee: BMAT is £75 TMUA is £75

All other tests have no entry fee. If you have to pay then this will be set up on Parentpay. The deadline date for entries is *Friday 23rd September*. No entry will be made until payment has been received (if applicable).

If you have already contacted Mrs Silcox you do not need to do anything further, information will be sent to you.