

The AQE Common Entrance Assessment takes account of the learning programme and attainment targets of the Revised KS2 Curriculum for English and Mathematics. The questions set will test the skills, aptitude and knowledge that all pupils will be developing at this Key Stage. The assessment should therefore be accessible to all pupils studying the Revised KS2 Curriculum in Northern Ireland.

The Common Entrance Assessment Specification and Sample Test Items may be viewed on the AQE Website; however the format of the Assessments, which are due to take place on the 14th November, the 28<sup>th</sup> November and the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009, is given on the following page.

### Format of CEA

- Poem 1 followed by 7 comprehension items. See exemplars\* of English items passage 1.
- 11 mathematics items. See exemplars of mathematics items 1-15.
- Prose passage followed by 7 comprehension items. See exemplars of English items passage 3
- 11 mathematics items
- Basic skills passage (lines numbered on the right) followed by 5 basic skills items. See exemplars of English items passage 2.
- 10 mathematics items
- Poem 2 (followed by 7 comprehension items)

\*Reference to “exemplars” refers to material which can be viewed on our website [www.aqe.org.uk](http://www.aqe.org.uk) by clicking on “CEA: Sample Test Items.”