

**Bancroft's 11+ Entrance Examinations**  
**Guidance Notes for Parents**

**Mathematics**

Candidates will sit one paper, which lasts 75 minutes. A ruler, pencil and protractor will be needed, but not a calculator.

The paper consists of about thirty-five to forty questions in increasing order of difficulty. Questions will cover numeracy, problem solving and shape and space, and should be broadly accessible to children who are working towards level 5 at Key Stage Two. Some of the later questions may include elements from level 6. And contain more difficult, non-standard problems. We try to make these problems original yet accessible to mathematically talented children. Children should complete as much of the paper as they can.

Preparation:

Children who are likely to cope comfortably with mathematics at Bancroft's should only need an experience of solving problems under timed conditions.

We find that excessive coaching for the paper can be counter-productive in the longer term. The questions are designed to test how the candidate copes with unfamiliar problems, and it is not intended that children should be taught any particular methods in preparation for this.

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