



## 1. About UKiset

### **What is it?**

UKiset is a set of assessments that many British independent schools ask overseas students to take. The results show how the candidate compares to students of the same age in the British school system and more specifically, within independent schools. The evaluation tests the child's underlying learning skills – through tests of verbal, non-verbal and mathematical reasoning; and their level of English - in reading, listening and writing.

### **How does it work?**

Candidates register for UKiset online. A test is arranged locally for the student – UKiset has a large network of test centres worldwide, and will endeavour to find an appropriate test centre location for every candidate. The candidate chooses which schools they would like to send their results to. Within 72 hours of the test taking place the UKiset profile report is sent to you, the family and any selected schools. School choices can be made either before the test takes place or after the results have been seen.

### **How does it benefit our clients and us?**

The enormous benefit is that UKiset is a single assessment that can be used to apply to multiple schools. Before UKiset, students would have to prepare for and sit unique tests for every school they applied for – this could mean hours of preparation and testing over a number of weeks. Also, UKiset can be sent to schools prior to registering with them. This means that applying for competitive places at selective schools becomes much cheaper – as families only pay registration fees at the schools where their child has a chance of gaining a place. With five school choices, each application costs less than £50\*.

Secondly, by using UKiset to assess your client's learning potential and English, you the agent/consultant, have an independent, internationally-recognised evaluation upon which to base your advice. You may wish to advise on additional English support and tutoring; or help the family choose more realistic school choices; or help them aim for the very best school. UKiset provides the evidence to back up this advice.

### **What is the cost?**

\*UKiset costs £295 (including all applicable taxes). This fee includes the registration, the tests, invigilation at an accredited test centre, the UKiset profile report and the schools package sent to up to 5 schools.

## **Who accepts UKiset?**

About 150 UK independent schools currently accept UKiset as part of their admissions process. Some (around 50%) insist that all overseas pupils provide a UKiset profile, others (around 30%) use it as part of their admissions process, especially for specific parts of the world. The rest are trialling it with a view to using it more widely next year.

UKiset anticipates that around 500 schools will be using the assessment by the end of 2018.

## 2. Applying with UKiset

### **How do our clients apply to schools with UKiset?**

Candidates can be registered by their parent or guardian; or by an academic agent. Firstly register online at [www.ukiset.com](http://www.ukiset.com). Please note that candidate details such as identification (passport) and a photo of the candidate is required at registration.

School choices can be made during registration or after the test results are made available. Any schools selected prior to the test taking place will be automatically sent the result upon completion of the assessment. To send the results to schools *after* the test, simply email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) with the candidate's name and the school choices.

### **How do families register to take UKiset locally?**

When a candidate is registered online, the UKiset team will contact the local test centre to find out about available dates and times to take the test. UKiset will then coordinate with the candidate to confirm a convenient test date for them. If you have a test centre in mind when registering a candidate just send us an email to let us know.

### **How do families select the schools?**

They can select these during registration or, if you wish to support this process, advise parents to wait until they see the UKiset results. School choices can be emailed to [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) and we will send out the full UKiset school package to any selected schools.

### **Where can candidates take the test?**

We have a large network of UKiset test centres worldwide – especially within capital and major cities. However if you want to know about your local area and what options are available send us an email and we will discuss what options are available. Sometimes it is possible to arrange for the candidate to sit the test at their current **school if there is not another test centre available locally.**

### **How quickly can we get the results?**

Normally results are available within 3 business days of the test being sat. During busy periods this may take a little longer; it is also dependent on the test centre promptly sending the student's English essay through to us here at UKiset HQ.

### 3. The UKiset profile report

#### **What information is included in the UKiset Profile?**

The UKiset profile consists of two key pieces of information:

a) **The Reasoning Test** – this assessment looks at the candidates learning potential in quantitative, non-verbal and verbal processing. The students score is standardised for their age and compared to British students in the same Year group.

Please note: Schools are aware that for students with English as their second language, that the verbal reasoning test will be more difficult (than for a British student), therefore UKiset provides two averages; one overall average, and one excluding the verbal score. This way schools can see the candidate's potential when language is not a factor.

b) **The Cambridge English Placement Test (CEPT)** – This test provides the student's academic English level for reading and listening. The CEFR level refers directly to the IELTS scale and helps schools assess how easily they might be able to access the UK curriculum. For a rough guide on what schools might expect at different age groups please email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com)

#### **What is the next step after receiving the candidate's UKiset result?**

If the family haven't selected any schools, then now is the time to discuss the most appropriate options. Or if schools were selected at registration, wait for their direct response. We request that schools get in direct contact with the person who registered the candidate.

### 4. Additional support

#### **How do I find out about global trends and new UKiset schools?**

UKiset will regularly produce reports on how the UKiset test is being used globally and which schools are joining the network. Simply email [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) and ask to join this mailing list.