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The UK Independent Schools' Entry Test

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British independent schools work hard to find the best international students that match their ethos and academic standards. Designed in collaboration with Cambridge University Press & Assessment, UKiset is a single assessment that can help schools identify the most suitable candidates, whilst simplifying the process for international families.

General Information

Test Duration: approximately 3 hours.

Results Processing: 2-3 business days.

Test Location: Online or at authorised test centres.

UKiset Cost: £295.



UKiset School Partner,
Wellington College, Berkshire.



How UKiset Works

1. Registration

The data entered during registration is sent to schools as part of the candidate's final UKiset School Report. During registration, candidates will also have to option to submit a self-introduction video, which will be submitted to schools.

2. Preparation

Prepare for the UKiset test with our expert team of tutors. Our [official UKiset Prep](#) service has been proven to help install candidates with confidence, as well as improve their overall test scores.

3. Test Day

Tests are conducted online and are invigilated by our qualified team of experts. For students wishing to sit the exam in one of our test centres, we have partnered up with British Council offices, Cambridge Assessment centres, Educational Consultants and international schools.

4. Results

Results will be emailed to the person who registered the candidate. At the same time, the UKiset School Report will be sent directly to any schools selected during registration. If no schools were selected at that time, then the School Report will be stored securely until you notify UKiset of any school choices.

5. School Choices

As soon as you wish to apply to a school simply inform UKiset where you would like the School Report sent. If you chose schools at the point of registration, the school will respond to you or your agent directly.

The UKiset Test

Section 1: Reasoning

30 - 45 mins | Online

The Reasoning part of the test is designed to explore the candidate's cognitive thought processes, including their adeptness and how they handle challenges. This part of the test is adaptive which means that the questions asked are designed to assess the student's ability level. The more questions the student answers correctly, the more difficult the test will become.



The UKiset Test

Section 2: Reading & Listening

60 - 90 mins | Online

The second part of UKiset is the Cambridge English test, an online multiple-choice test that assesses receptive language skills.



Multiple choice



Gap filling tasks



Receptive
language skills

Section 3: Essay Writing

30 mins | Handwritten

The final section of the UKiset test is a short English essay, designed to demonstrate expressive language skills.



Age appropriate
topics



Language skills

Preparation

UKiset Prep is the official preparation course offered by highly educated, expert tutors.

Our UKiset Prep team will find the most suitable tutor for each candidate based on age, learning style and focus area.

Our dedicated and highly qualified team create individual learning programmes based on the student's current academic level and their potential.

The one-to-one sessions help to improve the student's vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension skills as well as increase confidence and accuracy when answering mathematical-based reasoning questions.

How does UKiset Prep work?

- Pre-Assessment (NVR, Mathematics, English).
- Analysis and advice.
- Bespoke plan.
- Building familiarisation and confidence.
- Achievements (Competitive Scores).
- Acceptance.

As well as providing guided practice for the UKiset assessment, UKiset Prep Tutors assist their students in developing the fundamental skills required to thrive within the British independent school system.

Learn more via our official partner: www.gabbitas.com/ukiset.



UKiset School Partner,
Rugby School, Warwickshire.

Online Invigilation

Each step of online invigilation is managed directly by our team of qualified UKiset experts or trusted third-parties, thus creating a hassle-free and efficient process.

Before the test

Your invigilator will organise a Microsoft Teams meeting, using the candidate's email provided at registration.

Before the test date, please ensure that the candidate has downloaded Microsoft Teams on their computer and on a secondary device (such as a tablet or smartphone), that will be used as the second camera.

You and the candidate will receive a link to the invigilation, please ensure that you accept the invite before the day of the test. If you are unable to find the link, please check your junk email.

On the day of the test

Before starting the test, the invigilator will check the candidate's passport and troubleshoot any technical difficulties, as well as explain the structure of the test.

Please ensure that the candidate has a pen and spare paper for rough working, and for the essay portion of the test. The candidate will be offered a short break in between each section of the assessment.

At the end of the test, the candidate will be asked to scan their essay using a mobile app or a scanner and email it to the invigilator in PDF format. The invigilator will remain online with the candidate until they have received the email.

The use of a calculator or phone is strictly prohibited during the test.

School Selection

UKiset can put you in touch with expert educational consultants at [Gabbitas](#), to help you find the right school.

The UKiset School Profile can be sent to up to five schools. Additional schools cost £50 per school.

We recommend researching suitable options ahead of time, and visiting the schools you have short-listed to gain a better understanding of what they can offer to your child.

Contact the schools you are interested in to find out their availability and request us to send them the candidate's School Report when you are ready to apply. We recommend that you conduct plenty of research, and seek independent advice if you are unsure.

Seek independent advice and expert help

There are over 2,500 independent schools in the UK, and finding the perfect fit can become a lengthy and stressful process. If you're uncertain about where to begin your search or which school aligns best with your needs, it's recommended to seek guidance from an education consultancy or academic agent.

When you arrange for your child to take UKiset, we can put you in touch with Gabbitas if you wish to get independent advice. Established in 1873, Gabbitas' team of expert educational consultants can offer you a wealth of knowledge into the British independent school sector and individual schools.

Find out more at www.gabbitas.com.

UKiset School Partner,
Wycombe Abbey, High Wycombe.



The Parent Report

Each UKiset test generates a results report which is sent to the candidate shortly after completing the test. This is an overview of the candidate's performance in the reasoning tests and the Cambridge English assessment. This report includes the following details:

Standardised scores

Standardised scores in each battery (verbal, non-verbal and mathematics). The score is standardised against tens of thousands of British students of the same age, in the state and independent school sectors.

National Percentile Ranking (NPR)

This shows where the candidate would be positioned if 100 randomly selected British students of the same age were assessed and ranked from the weakest (1st percentile) to the strongest (99th).

Stanine Ranking

A ranking system based on the NPR – where nine proportional bands (from 1 being the weakest and 9 the strongest) rank performance against British candidates of the same age.

Two average scores

One with and one without the Verbal Reasoning result included. This is done so the candidate's current English level does not unfairly affect their overall score – we obtain an independent English score using a separate language-specific assessment.

English CEFR level & Raw Score.

An internationally recognised language level of academic English – known as a CEFR level (Common European Framework for Languages).

The School Report

Schools receive a more comprehensive report on each UKiset candidate. It includes the candidate's handwritten essay, a detailed breakdown of performance against other students studying in independent schools and future exam result chances.

The School Report consists of the following details:

- The Profile Report (Parent Report).
- The applicant's self-introduction video (submitted at the time of registration).
- Distinct standardisations for national and independent school cohorts.
- The candidate's expository essay – written on the day of the test and demonstrating expressive language skill, structured writing skills, and some of the candidate's own outlook and opinion.
- Future predicted grades in GCSE, A-Level and IB in a wide range of subjects.
- Implications for teaching and learning.

UKiset is used by schools to get credible information on an applicant's academic potential. Some selective schools use it to filter the most suitable candidates from others – usually this is because they receive a higher number of applications, than spaces available. Schools may also conduct further school-specific testing after the initial UKiset test. Other schools may use UKiset as their standalone entrance test.

Further Information

- At the point of registration, candidates will have the option to submit a 1-2 minute self-introduction video to prospective schools. We strongly recommend all candidates to complete this section, to stand out from other applicants and to show their personality to the admissions team. This can also be submitted later, but **before** the applicant's test date.
- Results will take 1-2 working days to generate during our quiet period (December to April), and 2-3 working days during the busy period (May to November).
- UKiset Reports are valid for one year.
- Candidates may retake the assessment every 4 months.
- The report will be sent to any pre-selected schools directly.
- We advise registering candidates at least 4 weeks in advance of schools' deadlines to ensure you are able to meet the admissions deadline.
- Please allow at least 3 working days for us to arrange online invigilation.



If you have any questions regarding the UKiset Test or Reports, please contact our team.

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