

*Head Start
Education and Tuition
2019*



*“A Commitment to Achievement
Maximizing Your Child’s Potential”*

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Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Head Start preparatory course of study for the 11+ Grammar School selection process.

Introduction

Education has never been more important. Young people now choose to study for longer periods, and to study a more diverse range of subjects. In a competitive society parents are increasingly aware that it is essential to ensure that their child has a firm footing on the education ladder.

Naturally a Grammar School is not suited to every child. However, what we do insist on at Head Start is that every child should be given the chance to try and maximise his or her full potential. Head Start is pleased to offer a detailed and structured course of study in preparation for the Grammar School Selection Examinations.

Our 11+ tuition courses are specifically designed to reflect the changes set by Bucks County Council and provided by GL Assessment. Our courses cover all the aspects of the new GL testing and selection process for secondary school admissions.

With over 20 years as an established educational institution and over forty years of practical and specialist teaching experience, we are confident that we really make a difference.



The Head Start Difference

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Meeting Your Child’s Specific Needs

*At **Head Start** we are devoted to the aim of meeting your child's specific needs. Due to the small class sizes, your child is given individual attention whenever it is needed. Furthermore it is our job to identify your child's needs and address them accordingly.*

*At **Head Start**, we value parental contribution highly. No one knows your child better than yourself – By passing the knowledge you have of your child on to us, we can get to know your child better and hence implement the most appropriate teaching techniques tailored to their specific needs. We therefore enjoy a superb collaborative relationship with all parents and we are happy to talk to you about any concerns you may have. On our Summer Schools we have ‘**parent open days**’ and an official presentation at the end of the week to acknowledge your child's efforts and achievements.*

The Head Start Staff

*We are very proud of the high standards we set ourselves at **Head Start**, and equally as proud of the excellent results achieved by our pupils. To maintain the standards of **Head Start**, it is our policy to only recruit the **very best** teachers. To teach in such a specialised field, it is a prerequisite that all members of the teaching staff meet the very specific requirements needed to work for **Head Start**.*

You can be assured that our staff are of the highest calibre, lead by flagship Head Teachers, working within the current education system at top educational establishments. All of our teachers are caring, experienced, interesting, entertaining and efficient, and every one devoted to your child’s individual and specific needs.

The Latest Techniques

Head Start has always been at the cutting edge of new learning techniques. The *Head Start* team has the ability to implement the most advanced teaching methods at its disposal whenever appropriate.

'Edu-Kinesiology'

'Edu-Kinesiology' is a technique that we specialize in at **Head Start**. *'Edu-Kinesiology'* or *'Brain Gym'*, is a group of activities which help our nervous system and hence the rest of our body and mind, to work more efficiently and effectively. The activities have the effect of removing *'learning blocks'* consequently increasing ability, while decreasing stress and frustration.

'Brain Gym' exercises encourage *'whole brain learning'*, which helps better functioning. You can do *'Brain Gym'* exercises anywhere – at home, in the car, in the classroom, in or before an exam – and whenever you want to improve your child's performance. Learning becomes easier and quicker, the brain works better and can control the rest of the body more effectively. Pupils don't have to concentrate so hard and learning new facts and skills can become enjoyable. Pupils can perform activities that they never thought were possible.

Enjoyment

Head Start is, of course, committed to achieving exceptional results. However, we believe most importantly, that children must enjoy the entire learning experience. It is not our style to make your child study rigorously at a desk without a break. We realise that children have a limited attention span when it comes to learning and in order to want to work hard they must get the chance to play hard.

At break times we offer a number of different activities for the children, ranging from sports to more quiet interests. We are lucky enough at **Head Start** to have staff that are qualified in a variety of different activities including football, athletics, cricket, dancing and drama. As well as creating an atmosphere and ethos conducive to work, **Head Start** is also a very social environment, where the children get a chance to meet different people and make new friends.

Care and Safety

Care and safety are of the highest priority at **Head Start**. There is always both a male and a female member of staff present at all times. First Aid equipment is always on sight and a number of staff possess certificates in first aid and child protection.

The Head Start Formula

“Eight phases of unique and intensive education at its best”

Head Start Education offers 11+ tuition courses in Buckinghamshire. Our courses have been devised to specifically meet the needs of a prospective grammar school student.

Head Start has been established as an institution for over 20 years and has over forty years practical experience of 11/12+ examinations and procedures. Our 11+ pass rate is always exceptionally high and we are committed to achieving excellent results. Our students have the benefit of working from our own specially designed and written test papers and course material.

The objectives of the course are as follows:

- 1. To enable your child to complete the examination paper within the time allocated and furthermore, through greater understanding and improved examination technique to consistently achieve a mark that will secure a Grammar School place.*
- 2. To ensure that your child approaches the 11+ with confidence and self-assurance and fulfils his/her true potential.*
- 3. To provide a solid foundation and a **Head Start** for your child in secondary school education.*

All of our phases are designed to stimulate learning and development of a deeper understanding through our own inimitable teaching styles.

The eight elements of the course outlined constitute a thorough, structured and well-balanced programme of learning throughout the year that will significantly improve your child's prospects of success. Although we strongly advise your child's attendance on all phases of the course, you may consider certain phases of the course more relevant than others. We can, of course, accommodate your specific requirements.

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If you have any queries or would like to know more about the individual phases of the course and what we can offer, please do not hesitate to contact Gillian Gray (Course Director) on 01494 452025 or email headstarteducation@hotmail.com

Phase 1 – ‘Introductory’

*This first phase of eight fundamental stepping-stones will take the form of a gradual introduction that will ease your child in gently to the **Head Start** course programme. This phase is the essential “getting to know you” phase. It is an opportunity for the staff at **Head Start** to get to know the character of your child and their specific learning requirements. Equally we believe that it is very important that your child has the chance get to know us and to familiarise him/herself with the surroundings and course ethics.*

Phase 2 – ‘Preparatory’

*An essential **Head Start** phase, the preparatory phase gives your child the necessary educational stimulation at this time to set him/her up for the forthcoming years’ demands. It provides the preparation and focus on the Key 11+ elements (Verbal reasoning, Numerical reasoning & Non-verbal reasoning*) as well as additional focus on the concentration skills and mental agilities so important for multiple choice-type questions.*

Phase 3 – ‘Foundation’

This phase is designed so that the basic knowledge that has been gained on the preparatory phase can now be implemented directly to the 11+ format and to give your child the opportunity to follow up at home, the ideas presented. These sessions are designed to familiarize your child further to the essential elements of the 11+.

Phase 4A – ‘Learning and Assessment’

This is an extremely important part of the course. Children are introduced to the notion of working against the clock and are taught the essential strategies to help them manage time effectively. At this stage the children are introduced to the multiple-choice answer format in the current 11+ selection procedures.

A large part of the two-day period is devoted to analysing various types of questions and learning the appropriate methodologies required to find the correct solution. The culmination of the two-day session is an assessment examination set and conducted in a typical 11+ format. The Assessment result and subsequent analysis will be put together in a detailed report for your interest.

**Could be subject to change, as per Bucks County Council directives.*

Phase 4B – ‘Mock Testing’

‘The Head Start Assessment without the learning’. Separate to Phase 4A; this phase consists of two morning sessions of mock testing and is ideal for giving your child a taste of what to expect in the 11+. Children can attend one or both of the sessions on offer and will encounter two test papers written by and exclusive to Head Start Education and Tuition at each session, under examination conditions similar to that of the 11+. The tests will be similar in style and include content at a similar level of difficulty to that expected of the GL Assessment Tests that your child will experience in the 2018 Buckinghamshire 11+ selection procedure.

The Assessment Report

The ‘Assessment Report’ has been finely tuned over the 20 years that we have been providing education and tuition for the 11+ examination procedure. In providing you with this report, we aim to give you comprehensive and thorough feedback on your Child’s current ability and learning potential; a snapshot, if you will, as to how your child would perform in the 11+ at that moment in time. The report forms a vital component of our assessment process and is the most effective way of communicating our thoughts and expert opinion to you as to how your child is doing together with a realistic prediction as to how your child may perform in the 11+ later on that year. This will hopefully aid in your decision making on how to guide your child in the months leading up to the 11+ and beyond, at school and at home. The report will include...

- *A table with breakdown of each of the test papers with the total score; the score for each element of the test (numerical, verbal, Non-verbal reasoning); and score for each question type to help you identify specific areas of strength and areas for focus and improvement.*
- *A graphical representation of your child’s results and their performance in each of the elements over both tests.*
- *A projection of the score your child is likely to achieve in the 11+.*
- *A comprehensive written analysis by and feedback from our tutors as to your child’s performance over the two days of assessment.**

** Exclusive to Phase 4A only*

*If you elect to attend our ‘two day learning and assessment’ (Phase 4A) but would like your child to have the additional experience that this mock testing session brings, you can attend **one** of the days at the reduced rate of £50.00.*

Phase 5 – ‘Progression’

These sessions are designed for children whose parents would like their child to have a more protracted period of study so to enable him or her to develop the vocabulary, numerical and verbal skills introduced during previous phases. Pupils are gradually introduced to our unique test papers especially designed and formulated to encourage them to utilize the skills and techniques learnt during the Assessment phase.

Phase 6 – ‘Extension’

*These sessions are available so that children can build upon and extend their level of skill and understanding achieved during previous phases. The focus is on examination technique and provides the continuity of learning and growth of self-confidence so essential for success. Towards the end of this phase they will have gained proficiency and experience in tackling examination papers typical of the 11+, through continued exposure to test papers unique to **Head Start**.*

Phase 7 – ‘Summer School’

*Our ‘flagship’ phase of study, the Head Start Summer School represents the heart of the entire **Head Start** course of education. Please see our separate Summer School insert for more information.*

Phase 8 – ‘Revision’

The Revision sessions take place immediately prior to the examination period, providing our students with a ‘running head start’ as they approach the 11+ tests. These sessions are invaluable as they ensure that students not only retain the many vital skills they have acquired in preparing for the 11+, but also provide an opportunity for the children to fine-tune those skills through extensive mock testing and, most importantly, under similar exam conditions. This phase is conducive to a ‘leave no stone unturned’ approach and it is during these sessions that children can gain that extra confidence they need to perform at their very best so is vital at this point in time.

Course Timetable & Dates 18/19

Phase 1 - Introductory

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 16.30 pm session	3rd, 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Nov 1 st Dec
Fee £250.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

Phase 2 - Preparatory

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 16.30 pm session	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Jan 2 nd & 9 th Feb
Fee £250.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

Phase 3 - Foundation

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 16.30 pm session	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th March
Fee £250.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

Phase 4 - Two-Day Learning and Assessment (Indicate Choice)

Time 10.00 - 17.00	Wed 10 th & Thurs 11 th Apr OR Weds 17 th & Thurs 18 th Apr
Fee £300.00 inc. £50.00 deposit	

Phase 4B- Mock Tests (Indicate Choice)

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session	29 th May AND/OR 30 th May
Fee £60.00 for one session or £100.00 for both sessions.	

Phase 5 - Progression

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 16.30 pm session	27 th April 4 th , 11 th , 18 th May
Fee £200.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

Phase 6 - Extension

Time 10.30 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 16.30 pm session	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Jun, & 6 th , 13 th Jul
Fee £300.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

Phase 7 - Five-Day Summer School (Indicate Choice)

Time 10.00 - 17.00	WK 1	29 th July - 2 nd Aug
	WK 2	5 th - 9 th Aug
	WK 3	12 th - 16 th Aug
	WK 4	19 th - 23 th Aug
Fee £575.00 inc. £75.00 Deposit		

Phase 8 - Revision

Time 9.45 - 13.00 am session <i>or</i> 14.00 - 17.15 pm session	28 th & 29 th Aug 31 st & 7 th Sept **
Fee £280.00 inc. £50.00 Deposit	

** dates could be subject to change to accommodate the dates of the 11+

The total for all phases (including Phase 4B) is £2505.00. A discount of £205.00 will be received when paying the total course amount in full before the commencement of Phase 1. The total discounted amount is £2300.00.

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Registration Form 2019

PARENTS COPY

Please keep this copy for your own future reference

<p><u>Phase 1 - £250</u> am pm</p> <p>Introductory <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><u>Phase 2 - £250</u> am pm</p> <p>Preparatory <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><u>Phase 3 - £250</u> am pm</p> <p>Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>
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<p><u>Phase 4A - £300</u></p> <p>Assessment Date: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><u>Phase 4B - £60.00* for one OR £100.00 for both</u></p> <p>Mock Tests Date(s): <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/></p> <p>*£50.00 if attending Phase 4A as well</p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>
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<p><u>Phase 5 - £200</u> am pm</p> <p>Progression <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><u>Phase 6 - £300</u> am pm</p> <p>Extension <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>
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<p><u>Phase 7 - £575</u></p> <p>Summer Week 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>School Week 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><u>Phase 8 - £280</u> am pm</p> <p>Revision <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Deposit paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full amount paid £ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p>
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£205.00 discount applied if all courses paid in full in advance of Phase 1. Total = £2300.00

*A deposit of £50 for each phase of the course (£75.00 for phase 7) will secure your child's place. The remaining balance must reach us two weeks before the commencement of each phase. The deposits required to secure your child's place on the course are non-refundable, unless, for some unforeseen circumstance, the course fails to take place. Parents would of course be given prior notice of this and be fully refunded. The success of our 11+ course has generated considerable parental interest, therefore to assure your child of a place on all or any of the phases outlined above, we would urge you to complete the form and send it with your remittance, payable to **Head Start** at the above address.*

I have transferred the amount of £ for the **deposits** of the above courses specified. (Ref: D.P.)

I have transferred the amount of £ for the **full amount** of the above courses specified. (Ref: F.P.)

BACS transfer details: A/c 20402931 | Sort Code: 20-40-71 | Quote Reference and Child's Name

The Head Start

Five-Day Summer School



*The **Head Start Summer School** is our 'flagship' phase of study and represents the heart of the entire Head Start course of education. Your child will attend the school over a period of five days consisting of over 26 hours of intensive tuition, designed to help prepare children to recognise and answer successfully the full range of question types that are typical of the 11+. This is achieved through a detailed and exhaustive explanation of technique and strategy and on-going examination practice conducted under realistic examination conditions.*

We also place a heavy emphasis on the attitude the children take towards preparation for and the examination itself. The overall vibe of the course is one of fun, positivity and encouragement whilst promoting the importance of working hard to maximise potential and achieving to the highest level possible. We encourage a 'work hard play hard' ethos with opportunities to play team sport and games during recess periods and planned extra curricular activities throughout the week, built around a relatable but non-educational theme such as the Olympics. This is to encourage the children to develop a positive and healthy mindset of the 11+ process being a competition through which they can strive for and achieve excellence whilst retaining an element of fun and enjoyment. Each day also carries a specific theme towards that aim as the teachers explore with the children, thoughts and ideas as to how to achieve their personal best, overcome hurdles and motivate themselves toward success etc not just through working hard but the entire spectrum of exam preparation including mental attitude, application, sleep, diet etc.

At the end of the week there is a presentation and award ceremony to recognize the achievements of the children in both curricular and non-curricular elements of the course. This is also a chance to give the parents an overview of what the children have done throughout the week and advise on how to proceed after completion of the course to maintain and improve on the levels of attainment and momentum achieved over the 5 days as they look toward the 11+ itself. This is followed by an opportunity for parents to view the work undertaken throughout the week, take notes and speak to tutors to obtain feedback on attitude, application and specific areas to work on.

*The **Summer School** is a crucial element of our programme of study and is in our opinion **VITAL** to your child's overall course of study and their ultimate success.*

Head Start Education and Tuition

'The Parents Say'

At Head Start, we often receive many letters of thanks from Pupils and parents that have experienced what Head Start has to offer. The following comments are a selection of those taken from letters sent to us by Parents.

"I initially had my doubts about putting Thomas in for the summer school week as it was a financial consideration for us. However, I have to admit that Thomas exceeded my best hopes during that week. He began the week achieving quite mediocre scores, but by the end of the week his score was 83%! With the help of you and your team he really pulled out all the stops during that week and I feel it was worth every penny. Moreover, during the week his self esteem grew and he realised that he was capable of passing the exam."

Mrs J F Ojakovoh

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the positive help and encouragement during the Head Start Summer School. Yasmin came away with increased confidence and showed great improvements on time management. She enjoyed the week and liked all the teachers. The Head Start Summer School, we believe, contributed in a big way towards her ability to achieve the extra marks she needed to pass the exam."

Mrs Ann-Charlotte Stahl

"I have been very pleased with the tuition that my daughter received and am similarly delighted with the progress my son is making at the moment in Head Start classes. The tutors place a strong emphasis on Positive Mental Attitude and on building confidence in the pupils. This is fundamental to their approach. The tutors are very methodical and they communicate well with parents. The sessions are long (10.00-5.00 days) in the holidays but the tutors are very sensitive to the children's needs and they make the learning fun and interactive. Pupils are taught in groups in regular term time Saturday morning and afternoon classes which are two and a half hours long. The school is well organised and they follow up pupils after they have taken the 11+, wishing them well in their future studies; Very pleasant and caring. Highly recommended; my daughter definitely passed because of Head Start."

Mrs Allison Child
'The Good Schools Guide'

**Further letters from both parents and pupils can also be viewed on our website.*

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Name Of Child Girl/Boy Date of birth/...../.....

Address

..... Email.....

Home Tel No..... Mobile Tel. No.....

School Name..... School year

We wish for our child to be included in the following (tick or write date as applicable).

<u>Phase 1</u> - £250	am	pm	<u>Phase 2</u> - £250	am	pm	<u>Phase 3</u> - £250	am	pm
Introductory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preparatory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<u>Phase 4A</u> - £300	<u>Phase 4B</u> - £60.00 OR £100.00 (£50.00 with 4A)
Assessment	Mock Tests
Date: _____	Date(s): _____

<u>Phase 5</u> - £200	am	pm	<u>Phase 6</u> - £300	am	pm
Progression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<u>Phase 7</u> - £575	<u>Phase 8</u> - £280
Summer	Revision
Week 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	am <input type="checkbox"/> pm <input type="checkbox"/>
School	Week 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 <input type="checkbox"/>

£205.00 discount applied if all courses paid in full in advance of Phase 1. Total without discount= £2505.00 (includes phase 4B) Total with discount =£2300.00

A deposit of £50 (full amount for Phase 4B) for each phase of the course (£75.00 for phase 7) will secure your child's place. The remaining balance must reach us two weeks before the commencement of each phase. The deposits required to secure your child's place on the course are non-refundable, unless, for some unforeseen circumstance, the course fails to take place. The success of our 11+ courses attract considerable parental interest each year, therefore to assure your child of a place on all or any of the phases outlined above, we would urge you to complete the form and send it with your remittance to us at headstarteducation@hotmail.com or to the address at the top of this form.

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Signed (Parent/guardian)..... Date/...../.....



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Specific needs, concerns or medical conditions that we should know about...

Medical conditions

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Allergies / Dietary needs

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Pastoral needs / Learning difficulties

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Specific / Additional information

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Signed (parent/guardian) Date/...../.....

Please print your name clearly: