



About Us

Riviera Tuition was founded by Emma Walton (B.A (Hons), PGCE) in 2010, with the intention of providing parents and pupils with a professional and personal tuition service that boosts confidence and achieves great academic results.

Emma is a highly qualified, young, dynamic teacher, who is determined to provide every child with tuition that is personalised, focused and structured, in order to help them achieve their full potential.

Emma prides herself on having a wealth of experience and knowledge in preparing pupils specifically for the 11+ Entrance Examinations in Torbay.

Accurate assessments of each child's abilities are conducted in the initial session. This assessment is used to create an individualised tuition plan that will provide short-term targets that are continually reviewed for long-term success.

Riviera Tuition offers small group tuition consisting of no more than 5 children per lesson. During these sessions pupils are taught key skills; homework and test papers are marked outside of the lesson and form the basis of weekly feedback on progress. Therefore, no valuable teaching time is wasted. We also offer 1-2-1 tuition, if clients require it.

Courses

Year 4 – 11+ Club

Tuition starts in year 4 and has been proven to prepare pupils by securing the building blocks of KS2 Maths and Literacy that are needed for the 11 plus. The course aims to sharpen up the core numeracy skills before advancing on to the more difficult concepts taught in the year 5 course – 11+ preparation.

This course would be beneficial to children who need to boost their confidence and competence in their Maths and English skills.

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Year 5 – 11+ Preparation

Year 5 tuition starts in October and reinforces and extends the skills and concepts introduced in the Year 4; 11+ Club. Pupils continue to develop their core numeracy and literacy skills and are introduced to the Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

The course consists of weekly lessons lasting for an hour during term times.

Teaching is again in small groups of up to 4 students and covers all the key skills required in order to be successful in the 11+.

What additional material is provided?

Upon commencing tuition, each child is provided with a personalised tuition plan that aims to monitor their progression and is continually reviewed and adapted to meet any areas of learning that need attention and/or development.

Children are also provided with a range of resources to aid their learning and assessment check-lists which are used by teacher, student and parent to monitor and assess their progression.

This acts as a good indicator to the parent and teacher to see the working knowledge the child has, which areas the child is finding difficult/easy and where their current strengths and weaknesses lie.

They will also be provided with homework after each lesson in order to support and continue their learning in lessons at home.

CEM Course Content

The CEM papers test verbal ability in the form of comprehension, vocabulary (synonyms and antonyms) and cloze passages. It also assesses numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning to test logic. Unfortunately, the University of Durham who supplies the CEM do not produce them commercially and therefore there is no official practice material available. However, a familiarisation booklet will be given to all pupils before they take the test to allow them to get a feel for what types of questions will present on the day. We also use a large range of practice material that has been put together from other CEM 11+ tests around the UK with our pupils to ensure that they are very familiar with all types of questions that may appear.

Making sure your child reads lots of challenging books throughout Year 5 and keeping a small vocabulary notebook to compile a bank of new words they find, helps greatly in building a strong vocabulary for the test!

We focus on teaching the following CEM question types during the course of the year:

- Cloze passages
- Vocabulary questions (synonyms, antonyms, jumbled sentences, two words joined together and odd words out)
- Multiple choice comprehensions
- Numerical reasoning
- Logical reasoning
- Non-verbal reasoning

Although the 11+ course follows a clear programme and structure, individual attention will always be given to those students who are struggling on a particular concept.

No student gets left behind!

Maths 11+ course content

As the Maths syllabus within the CEM tests is quite broad, we have outlined the following topics which we will be teaching from below:

Algebra

- Simple algebra including formulae in words and finding unknown values by logical deduction.

Handling Data

- Interpret frequency tables and graphs
- Co-ordinates (from a standard graph to a cross-shaped graph that has scales ranging from positive to negative)
- Mean, mode, median and range.
- Probability
- Ratio and proportion

Number

- Times tables up to 12x12
- Mental and written methods for all four operations (x - / +)
- Fractions (equivalent; finding fractions of a number; fraction word problems; ordering fractions; mixed and top heavy fractions; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions)
- Decimals (ordering decimals; multiplying and dividing decimals, word problems)
- Percentages
- Relationships between numbers (inversion of addition, subtraction, and inversion of multiplication and division)
- Multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Rounding whole numbers and decimals.
- Types of number: primes, factors, multiples, squares.
- Numerical patterns and sequences

Shape, Space and Measure

- 2D and 3D shapes (properties, identifying and nets)
- Area and perimeter of regular and compound shapes
- Line and rotational symmetry
- Measurement (reading scales; converting measurements into different units and word problems involving measurement)
- Angles (degrees in a circle, square or triangle and find the missing angle)
- Bearings

Information about the 11+ admissions in Torbay

The 11+ is a statutory exam taken by a child if they wish to gain a place at one of the selective schools within Torbay. The selective papers sat are the same regardless of which school you intend to apply for.

The 11+ consists of:

- **2 x CEM papers supplied by the University of Durham**

The tests are marked internally.

The scores from both CEM papers are put together to give an overall average score. The CEM papers are marked externally by the University of Durham. The children will have to mark their answers on a separate answer sheet. This answer sheet is then marked electronically.

All scores are rank ordered to fill the number of spaces available at each school. The CEM scores are put together and then the children are rank ordered.