



THE ROYAL SCHOOL DUNGANNON

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RSD Support Programme for the CEA

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Royal School Dungannon is offering a Support Programme for pupils wishing to take the Common Entrance Assessment (CEA) administered by AQE. As you will probably know the CEA is the entrance test used by RSD for entry into Year 8.

The Support Programme consists of two parts with a distinct and different focus in each. Both are aimed at supporting **current Primary 6 pupils** who are interested in sitting the CEA and applying to RSD for Year 8 entry in September 2019.

1. The RSD 'CEA Summer School'

The summer school is aimed at pupils who have had **limited** exposure to the CEA. Its intention is to introduce current Primary 6 pupils to the format of the CEA and to provide support classes covering some of the topics which feature on the test.

The summer school will run for 6 sessions (3 on literacy and 3 on numeracy topics) on the following dates. Each session will be held in RSD, **starting at 4.00 pm and finishing at 5.30 pm**, and the sessions will be led by an experienced primary school teacher. All materials will be provided on the day, free of charge. Please use the Main Entrance to the School on Ranfurly Road.

- Monday 4th June & Tuesday 5th June
- Thursday 14th June & Friday 15th June
- Thursday 21st June & Friday 22nd June

2. The RSD 'CEA Workshops'

The CEA workshop will run in September and October and is aimed at pupils who have **already undertaken** preparation and practice for the CEA. The workshop will focus on topics identified as challenging and provide an opportunity for pupils to practise questions on these topics and reinforce their understanding.

Further details about the workshop will be provided in September but it is envisaged that the sessions will be held in RSD and led by an experienced primary school teacher with all materials provided on the day.

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What to do now

Parents of Primary 6 pupils who have had **little** exposure to the CEA should contact RSD on **028 8772 2710** to **reserve a place** for their child at the summer school sessions in June.

Parents of Primary 6 pupils who have **already undertaken** preparation and practice for the CEA do not need to do anything now and should await the further details about the workshop which will be sent to you via your child's primary school in September.

It is our aim to support **all** primary pupils preparing for the CEA and wishing to apply for Year 8 entry to RSD. We hope that the summer school and the workshop will provide opportunities for the pupils to come into RSD and increase their awareness of the School. All of the sessions and materials provided within the Support Programme will be free of charge. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to RSD in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

DR D BURNETT