



**BUTE HOUSE**

## 7+ 2026 Assessments

The 7+2026 Assessments take place in January at the beginning of the calendar year in which the successful candidates will enter Year 3. This year, the assessment days are either **Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th January, 2026**. Your daughter will be invited to one of these days. These assessments will be held in school, at Bute House, Luxemburg Gardens, London, W6 7EA.

Across the two days, we welcome around 200 girls to the school for the morning when they will engage in a series of enjoyable activities which have been carefully planned to assess as many aspects of the candidates as possible. The tasks are designed to assess reading competence, writing ability, mathematical skills and strategies as well as reasoning and problem solving.

The children are put into small groups which are decided upon by their month of birth. Each group will spend the morning with three or four members of our staff who interact with each child and aim to put them at ease. We deliberately provide opportunities for teaching during the morning in order to assess each child's potential and learning behaviour. In order to get a fuller picture of each child's interests and personal strengths, we also make time for play and informal conversations. The activities will be completely different on each day, although the assessments and tasks will be of the same standard on both days.

### Activities

1. A math based paper and a practical activity designed to test each child's potential and her grasp of concepts. This may in part include areas of math's which your daughter has not yet covered. This gives us an opportunity to teach individuals new concepts and observe their responses.
2. A reading and comprehension activity.
3. A written activity.
4. A practical group activity.
5. An opportunity to play and socialise with other children.

Our 7+ assessment procedure is designed to reveal each child's potential, natural ability, aptitude and love of learning. As such, children should not be given any specific 7+ exam coaching or tutoring before the assessment, as this gives a false impression of their capabilities which may not be able to be maintained when they join the school. However, there may be specific circumstances which have required you to have your daughter tutored, e.g. when coming to the UK from overseas where English has not been your daughter's first language.

Our decisions are not just based on marks in the assessments but on our impressions of the whole child. If we feel or discover that a child has been coached and we have not been informed, this may affect our decision regarding the offer of a place.

You should inform us if your daughter has a disability which requires us to make any reasonable adjustments to our normal procedures, to ensure that she is not at a disadvantage. Full account is taken of any assessment by a Chartered Educational Psychologist as part of our selection process.

After the assessments have been completed, some candidates will be asked to return for a one to one interview with a member of our School Leadership Team in January. This will also be an opportunity for parents to meet the Head, or one of her senior team. Letters offering places are sent out at the start of February and acceptance must be received including the deposit of one term's fees, within one week.

## Timetable 7+ 2026

Event	Date	Time
7+2026 Open Mornings	5th and 26th March, 14th May and 4th June, 2025	1 hour time slot between 9 a.m. and midday
7+2026 Assessment Confirmation Form emailed to parents of registered applicants	End of May 2025	9:30 – 11:00
Closing Date for Applications, Confirmations and Payment of Assessment Fee	31st October 2025 (earlier if 200 candidates exceeded)	
Assessment date confirmed – Assessment Declaration Form sent out	November 2025	
Deadline for return of Assessment Declaration	1st December 2025	
7+2026 Assessment Days	Tue 6th January 2026 or Wed 7th January 2026	Between 8:00 and 13:00
7+2026 Interviews	Mid-End January 2026	Various
7+2026 Offers sent out	Early February 2026 at the latest	
Deadline for return of Acceptance Form and <b>payment of one term's fees as deposit</b>	One week from receipt of offer	Midday