

Saltus Secondary 7 Entrance Examination, 2010.

What is the Saltus Secondary 7 Entrance Examination?

The Examination, set and graded by the Secondary Department's Head of English and Head of Mathematics, is designed to assess a candidate's level of mastery in those skills covered in a student's primary years in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

The Examination will be used to determine not only those students eligible for admission into the Saltus 7 (Middle School 1) year, but also those qualified to be nominated for any scholarship awards available at that level.

Who will sit the Examination?

All students seeking entry into the S7 year from schools other than Saltus will take the Entrance Examination.

What form will the Examination take?

There is one English paper which will last for one hour and fifty-five minutes. This time will include a 10 minute stretch-break between the Reading and Writing sections. Students will be expected to attempt all questions.

There are two Mathematics papers, each of forty-five minutes duration. The first paper is compulsory, and a student's grade on this paper will be used for admission purposes. The second paper is optional, and will be taken only by those students who wish to be considered for scholarship nomination. The concepts tested will be the same as those in the first paper, but will extend and explore a candidate's intellectual capacity. Performance in this optional paper will not influence a candidate's eligibility for admission in any way.

What skills will a candidate be required to demonstrate in the English section of the Examination?

The English Examination will test a student's comprehension, writing and grammar skills.

Texts chosen for the Reading Section will include fiction and non-fiction. In the Writing Section, students will be expected to plan, organize and sustain their writing over several events or ideas. They will be aiming to shape what they write for the reader and give it coherence over the whole piece.

What will a candidate be required to know for the Mathematics section of the Examination?

Students will be tested in the following concepts:

1. Rounding and sequencing whole numbers and decimals,
2. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and decimals,
3. Converting fractions to decimals and vice versa,
4. Ordering fractions,
5. Addition, subtraction, and multiplication of fractions,
6. Metric measurement and conversions,
7. Perimeter of regular and irregular shapes,
8. Area of rectangles and squares,
9. Identification and measuring of angles,
10. Identification of triangles,
11. Interpretation of graphs,
12. Mean, median, range,
13. Problem solving strategies.

When and where will the Entrance Examination take place?

The Examination will be held in the Saltus Secondary Department. All candidates should report to the Secondary Assembly Hall, using the St. John's Road entrance to enter the school grounds. They should arrive no later than 8.45 am.

*(Parents please note that the school operates a one-way traffic flow, entering via St. John's Road and exiting via Woodlands Road. You may drop your child off as you drive through, but parking within the school grounds is **NOT** available.)*

The Examination will be taken on Friday, February 19, 2010 and will be timed as follows:

- 9:00am - 10:55am: English (includes a 10 minute stretch-break).
- 10:55am - 11:25am: candidates will be allowed a snack break and should bring appropriate refreshments
- 11:30am – 12.15pm: Mathematics Section A (compulsory; for admission)
- 12.15pm - 1:00pm - Mathematics Section B (optional; for scholarship nomination)

Students not wishing to sit the scholarship section of the Mathematics paper will be allowed to leave at 12.15 pm.

Pick-up for students who leave at 12:15 pm or at 1:00 pm will be at the flagpole in front of the Woodlands Administration Centre (the building in the centre of the campus which separates the Secondary and Upper Primary Departments). Please do not arrive early and please allow adequate time for your child to be dismissed since parking is **not** available within the school grounds. Parents of children to be collected at 1:00 pm, should be aware that Secondary Department students will be beginning their lunch break and that special care should therefore be taken when driving through the school.

What will students need to bring for the examinations?

For the English paper, students should bring at least two reliable pens with black or blue ink. Answers should **NOT** be written in pencil.

For the Mathematics paper, students will be expected to use pen or pencil. They will also need a ruler and a protractor.

Confidential Reference Forms and School Reports:

The enclosed **confidential reference** form should be presented to the Head Teacher of your son's or daughter's current school and it should be returned directly to Saltus marked, "For the attention of The Admissions Secretary", to arrive no later than Monday, February 15, 2010.

A copy of the student's **most recent school report** should also be forwarded to the Admissions Secretary by Monday, February 15, 2010.

Registration:

To confirm that your son/daughter will sit the Entrance Examination, please complete the enclosed response slip and return it to the Admissions Secretary by Monday, February 15, 2010. **NOTE: The School will be closed the previous week for the mid-term break.** The slip asks you to indicate whether you wish your son/daughter to sit the scholarship section of the Mathematics examination. Please ensure that your son/daughter is also aware of your decision.

Interviews:

Parents of candidates selected for interview will be notified by telephone on Monday, February 22, 2010. All interviews, if possible, will be scheduled to take place during the course of that week.

Bursaries:

Saltus is fortunate to benefit from a number of bursary awards made possible by the generosity of a variety of donors. These awards fall into two categories: **scholarships**, most of which are based purely upon academic merit, and **financial aid**, which is determined by genuine financial need. For certain specific scholarship awards, however, achievement and financial need are linked in determining recipients. Parents of non-Saltus candidates wishing to apply for financial aid should

indicate their intention on the enclosed response slip. They will then be sent a Financial Aid Form. The Financial Aid Form must be completed and returned at interview if so contacted. Recipients of financial aid, as well as scholarship winners, will be notified as soon as decisions have been made. Further information about the Bursary Programme can be found at www.saltus.bm

Secondary Department tour:

If you wish to visit the Secondary Department before the examinations take place, a tour will be available on the morning of Friday, February 5, 2010 at 10.00am. Please call Mrs. Adams, the Senior Department Secretary, at 292-2235 to book your visit.

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Please return to the Admissions Secretary, Saltus Grammar School, P.O. Box HM 2224, Hamilton HM JX, by Monday, February 15, 2010.

I confirm that my son/daughter will sit the Saltus Secondary 7 Entrance Examination on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Student Name:

Current School:

I *wish / do not wish my son/daughter to sit the scholarship section of the Mathematics paper (**please delete as appropriate*)

1. I *have / do not have *another child/other children currently at Saltus

Name:..... Form.....

House.....

Name:..... Form.....

House.....

2. I *wish / do not wish to receive a Financial Aid Form

Parental signature:

Date: