



## **Year 5 11+ Annual Course 2025/26 (Three Terms: 1<sup>st</sup> September - 13<sup>th</sup> July)**

Prime Prep offers a 39-week 11+ annual course designed to prepare Year 5 pupils for grammar and independent school entrance exams. The course has been developed by qualified teachers and is tailored to suit schools in the Southwest and Central London areas, including:

- **Grammar Schools** (most to least selective):

St. Olave's, Tiffin Girls', Wilson's, Sutton Grammar, Wallington County Grammar, Tiffin School, Nonsuch High School

- **Independent Schools** (most to least selective):

St Paul's Girls' School, St Paul's School (Boys), Westminster Under, King's College School (Wimbledon), City of London School, City of London School for Girls, Latymer Upper, Godolphin & Latymer School, Wimbledon High, Dulwich College, Emanuel, Alleyn's School, Epsom College, Ibstock Place School, Surbiton High School.

The course focuses primarily on English and Maths, with additional coverage of Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning, reflecting the entrance requirements for your child's selective schools.

### **English & Verbal Reasoning (1-hour weekly session)**

Each session includes:

- **Literacy** (15 minutes):  
Focus on the accurate use of punctuation, strengthening grammar, and essential skills such as spelling.
- **Comprehension** (20 minutes):  
Develops reading and analytical skills using a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- **Creative and Essay Writing** (25 minutes):  
Teaches structure, figurative language (e.g. similes, metaphors),

vocabulary development, and clarity of expression to meet the expectations of top independent and grammar schools.

Workbooks are provided to support all English areas. Weekly writing tasks are set with detailed, personalised feedback.

### **Verbal Reasoning Topics:**

- Verbal Codes
- Making Words
- Verbal Maths
- Word Meanings
- Practice Papers

### **Mathematics & Non-Verbal Reasoning (1-hour weekly session)**

Each session includes:

- **Speed & Accuracy Test** (5 minutes):  
Rapid recall of number facts
- **Mental Maths** (5 minutes):  
Strategy development for quicker and more accurate calculations
- **Main Topic** (25 minutes):  
Covers different topics each week, including ratio, fractions, and algebra, reflecting the higher-level demands of schools such as St Paul's Juniors and Westminster Under.
- **Spot the Mistakes** (5 minutes):  
Encourages precision and self-correction
- **Reasoning & Problem Solving** (15 minutes):  
Focused work on interpreting multi-step word problems and applying core mathematical knowledge
- **Arithmetic Practice:**  
Regular focus on key operations (e.g. long division, multiplication)

All maths sessions follow the *Mastery* approach used in UK schools, following three stages:

- **Concrete** – hands-on materials to aid understanding
- **Pictorial** – visual representations to deepen thinking
- **Abstract** – fluency and confidence with written methods

## **Non-Verbal Reasoning Topics:**

Children practise solving problems using shapes and patterns, including: reflection and rotation, series, analogies, code shapes, like figures, matrices, merged shapes, nets and 3D shapes, and odd one out.

## **Group Size and Assessment**

Sessions are taught in small groups (maximum of 6 children), using physical resources and interactive activities. The aim is to build confidence, sharpen exam technique, and develop strong foundational understanding.

Regular **formative assessment** (ongoing checks for understanding) and **summative review tests** help track progress and identify areas needing support.

## **Course Summary**

- **English:** Literacy, Comprehension, Essay and Creative Writing
- **Mathematics:** Speed and Accuracy, Mental Maths, Topic Work, Reasoning, Problem Solving, Arithmetic
- **Verbal Reasoning:** Topic-based techniques and practice
- **Non-Verbal Reasoning:** Topic-based techniques and practice

This comprehensive course supports preparation for 11+ exams across South West and Central London and builds confidence, independence, and academic excellence. It is suitable for both for state grammar and competitive independent school entry.