

# TOP TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR THE 11+

Preparing for the 11+ examinations is hard work. The top schools in London are highly competitive and they are looking for the children who ‘stand-out’ from the rest. As tutors, we do everything that we can to help your child reach their full potential in English, maths, VR and NVR. But we can’t do everything!

In addition to weekly tuition, it is vital that you develop your child’s skills at home, to ensure that they have the best possible chance.

Here are our **Top 5 Tips** which we would **strongly recommend** your child to do at home.

## 1) Read a range of novels.

Whilst we can teach your child how to answer comprehension questions, the only way that they can improve their understanding of a text is to read at home. Reading will also help to develop your child’s writing skills, teaching them how they can write in a naturally sophisticated style with ambitious vocabulary, passion and fluency.

[Hampton School Recommended Reading List](#)

[Bright Light Tuition Recommended Reading List](#)

## 2) Broaden your vocabulary

The comprehension passage will be full of difficult words. The more words that your child knows, the better.

[How to Boost Your Child’s Vocabulary](#)

## 3) Improve your Mental Maths

The faster your child can think mathematically, the more questions they will be able to answer. Ensure that they know their times tables fluently; quiz them in shops; complete 10 minute tests every day to keep their minds ticking!

[Bond 11+ 10 Minute Tests](#)

## 4) Have extra-curricular interests

Schools not only want academic children, they are looking for children with extra-curricular interests, such as sport and music. In the interview, your child will most likely be asked what they are passionate about. Help find your child a passion!

## 5) Prepare for the interview

Develop your child’s speaking skills! Ask them what they are passionate about! Ask them a different question every day. During the interview, your child will probably be asked about what has been happening in the news. [First News](#), [The Week Junior](#) and [CBBC Newsround](#) are great for children to keep up-to-date with current affairs.