## ST PAUL’S JUNIORS

## 8+ English and Maths Exam Guidance

## English

The English paper incorporates the knowledge and skills outlined in the Year 3 programme of study from the National Curriculum. It is hoped that boys who apply are working at a Greater Depth standard within the Year 3 curriculum. The paper may also include aspects of word reading and comprehension found in the Year 4 National Curriculum programme of study. As part of the Reasoning paper, there is a comprehension exercise which assesses a boy's ability to retrieve information and draw inferences from a text. Boys will also be asked to demonstrate their ability to recognise the meaning of words, and will be asked to apply their vocabulary knowledge when solving puzzles. As part of the English paper, boys will be asked to sit a dictation exercise where they will be expected to write reasonably neatly, applying their sound understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling, checking their writing for accuracy.

## Maths

The mathematics paper incorporates the knowledge and skills outlined in the Year 3 programme of study from the National Curriculum. The paper may also include aspects of number and place value found in the Year 4 National Curriculum programme of study. In the paper, boys will need to apply their sound understanding of the four arithmetic operations, number facts and place value to solve problems, including missing number problems. Boys should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to $10 \times 10$ and demonstrate efficient mental calculation methods. They should also demonstrate an understanding of shape, space, measure and time, and a key part of the paper is the application of this knowledge and understanding to solve puzzles and problems.

