

# Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB)

## Common Pre-Tests

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## Who are GL-Assessment?

- ✱ **Leading** independent publisher of assessments and associated services in the UK, including professional development services.
- ✱ Formerly known as **nferNelson**.
- ✱ Over **30 years** experience in high stakes test development.
- ✱ **Highly respected** brands like CAT (Cognitive Abilities Test), Progress in Maths & English, Group & Suffolk Reading Tests, PASS.
- ✱ **Official** publishers of the 11+ assessments.
- ✱ **Industry leading** and **innovative** Testwise system – online test delivery and reporting development.



## What are the ISEB Common Pre-Tests?

- ✿ Every 5 years ISEB carries out a full-scale **review** of Common Entrance.
- ✿ Latest survey suggested that senior schools would like **standardised** pre-Common Entrance tests, demand has grown since.
- ✿ ISEB has commissioned an **online** set of short assessments in VR, NVR, Maths and English.
- ✿ Assessments are to be used as a pre-test to Common Entrance to **inform decision making** regarding transfer from prep/junior school to senior school.
- ✿ It will facilitate a **local decision** to be made about whether testing can occur in prep/junior schools, or senior schools.



## Why use the ISEB Common Pre-Tests?

- ✱ **Common** measure across schools – replaces multiple testing across different schools.
- ✱ **Respected unbiased** measure, both in content and delivery.
- ✱ **Secure** content to minimise teaching to the tests.
- ✱ Ensures that open days can be **freed up** for children.
- ✱ Allows open days to be more relaxed and provide more opportunity for children to demonstrate other **important skills**.
- ✱ Pricing scales and models still to be confirmed, but as a sector **less spending** on assessments.



# What is the proposal?

## **The Assessment**

- ✓ Frequently Customisable Content
- ✓ VR, NVR, Maths and English
- ✓ Standardised (Autumn 2011)
- ✓ Reliable differentiation
- ✓ Gender/Culturally/Socially Unbiased
- ✓ National Curriculum Referenced where appropriate
- ✓ Indicators of future success at GCSE/A Level possible
- ✓ 2 Hour duration, 4 x ½ hour sessions
- ✓ Years 6 and 7 – not both
- ✓ Familiarisation Materials where appropriate
- ✓ Adaptive assessments possible



# What is the proposal?

## **Online Delivery**

- ✓ Simple User Interface – Administrators and Students
- ✓ On Screen Delivery of Assessments
- ✓ System Administered
- ✓ Automatic Marking and Scoring
- ✓ Automatic Reporting, inc. Export of Data and iCAS
- ✓ Year of Year Analysis



# TESTWISE: STATS ON USAGE

Schools: 4,200

Candidates: 2,054,862

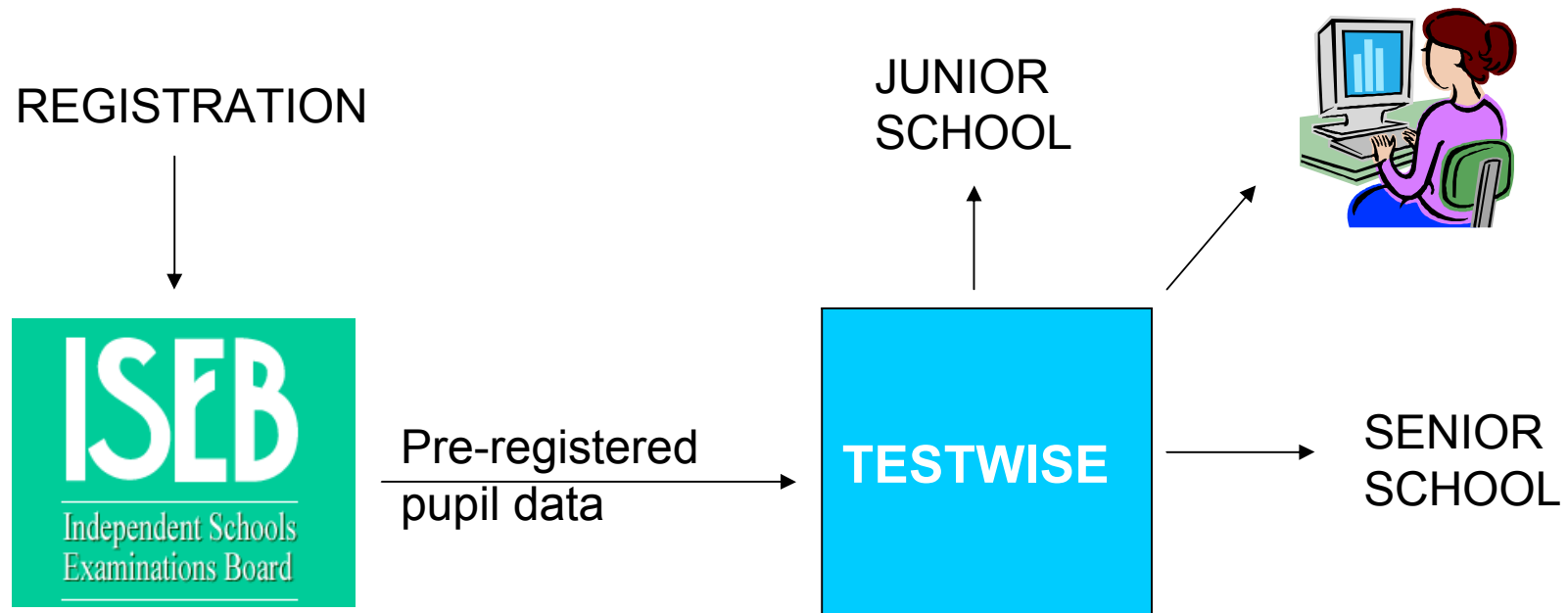
Tests Taken: 2,501,487

Countries using Testwise: 100

Reliability 2010: 99.87%



# ISEB Assessments will work like this:




And to the tutor it looks like this:

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Any Questions?

Full Interactive  
Testwise Demonstration

Current Users

