



CAMBRIDGE OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSTS (COA) PROFILE

Every year we welcome COA into Stowe to conduct their careers guidance programmes, Profile and Preview. Fifth Form Stoics take the tests in November and all are then seen individually for a feedback session with an external careers advisor from COA early in the Lent term. Although this service is not compulsory, we strongly recommend that your son or daughter participates as it provides an invaluable starting point in relation to A Level choices and university options. **The cost of this service for 2017/2018 is £99.00.** **Please contact Dr West by Friday 8 September 2017 if you wish to opt out of this service.**

PREVIEW

Preview is a careers guidance programme, designed for those aiming at AS/A Levels, IB or equivalent examinations. Preview assesses a pupil's interests and personal qualities and matches them with needs and requirements of more than 45 broad career areas. From this a workbook is produced which states the pupil's own basic career direction and asks a range of questions for the pupil to address. Pupils are then encouraged to undertake careers research using the Careers Analysis Forms, the Careers Directory and relevant work experience.

<http://www.coa.co.uk/programmes-and-aptitude-tests/preview>

PROFILE

Employers and careers advisers increasingly use aptitude tests as aids in assessing a candidate's potential for a particular job or career. In almost every careers field, one or more of the test scores may throw light on a person's suitability for aspects of the work. These tests are valuable for pupils, providing an objective assessment of their academic potential. Also, practice in tests of this kind can help pupils gain confidence and avoid stress when they are presented with similar tests by employers or academic institutions in the future.

Composed and designed by COA in association with Dr Charles Johnson, the tests are attractively presented in full colour. The battery of eight individual tests takes approximately one hour and 45 minutes to administer.

The tests comprise:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Numerical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- 2D Spatial Reasoning
- 3D Spatial Reasoning
- Arithmetic Calculation
- Working Quickly and Accurately
- Spelling

The results are shown as percentiles. This shows how the pupil has performed overall in comparison to other pupils of comparable age and ability range. They also provide speed and accuracy bar graphs to throw greater light on each individual's performance.

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