

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2019

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2019 is given below:

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	23 August 2019 (Friday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	15 & 16 October 2019 (Tuesday, Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted at the GEP Screening Exercise	English Language Mathematics General Ability

Rationale

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential.

Test-preparation activities could inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential.

Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the pupils, and may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.