



**BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL**



# Pupil Premium Support Programme

Supporting under-resourced pupils with preparing for 11+ exams and Key Stage 2 learning

**Borden Grammar School and Atom Learning**

# The programme

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## Narrowing the educational divide with KS2 learning and 11+ preparation support for Pupil Premium pupils

**Borden Grammar School is open to pupils from all backgrounds, and we're proud of our meritocratic environment.**

To encourage even greater representation of children at Borden Grammar and support KS2 children in the area around us, we've partnered with [Atom Learning](#), the leading online 11+ preparation and Key Stage 2 learning platform, to provide all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium with a free programme of Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation materials.

This programme is designed to help all children consolidate and master Key Stage 2 learning objectives and, where relevant, familiarise them with the topics they may see on their 11+ exam. Our goal is to ensure that all children, regardless of their future aspirations, leave primary school having mastered the KS2 curriculum, and that every grammar school applicant, regardless of their background, goes into their 11+ exam feeling confident and able to show their full potential.

**All children who are eligible for Pupil Premium (not just those considering grammar school) will be given free access to Atom Home (normally £575.90 a year).**



## Why have we set this programme up?

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Despite encouragement from both primary and secondary schools to parents that the best method of entrance test preparation is mastery of the national curriculum, we recognise that the most common method of preparing for the 11+ is still intensive coaching and private tuition. This environment ends up providing some children with a comparative advantage, and ultimately widens the educational divide.

Our goal is to combat this by providing families who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford them with high-quality, reputable test preparation materials. Both Atom Learning and Borden Grammar advocate for a child-centric approach to learning and revision.

Atom Learning is built around the national curriculum with added resources for reasoning, and is designed to encourage regular, short, focused learning, with the belief that this is the best route for test preparation and long-term success at secondary school.



# What is Atom Home?

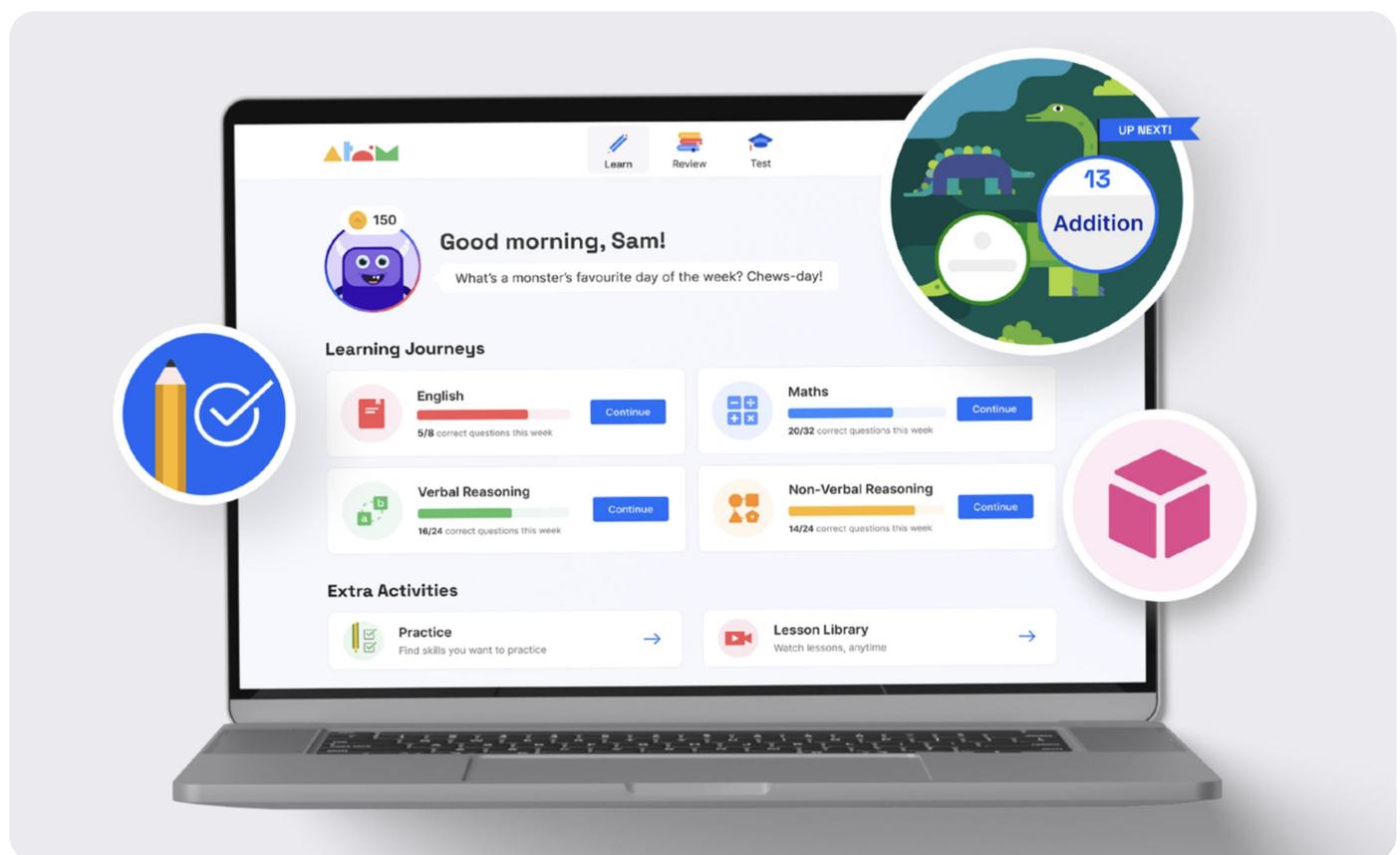
Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation website for ages 7-11. It is built around national curriculum frameworks, with additional material for reasoning.

Atom Home gives children access to:

- 11+ practice questions across English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning
- KS2 questions across English, maths and science
- Learning resources and video tutorials
- Engaging, interactive challenges and puzzles
- Exam practice and mock tests

Atom Home is designed to build children's confidence with Key Stage 2 learning objectives and, where relevant, improve exam technique by familiarising them with the style of questions in grammar school 11+ tests.

It is an engaging, child-centric learning platform, aimed at increasing engagement and motivation with learning.



# How do students access the support?

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We have designed this process to be as simple as possible for families and schools to reduce barriers to access:

1. Parents and carers whose children are eligible for Pupil Premium fill in a form on the school website: <https://www.bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk/information/admissions-and-borden-test-application>
2. Their primary school will receive an email from Atom Learning asking the school to verify the child's eligibility for pupil premium.
3. Once verified, Atom Learning will set the Atom Home account up for each child, and share login information with the parent via email.

## **Ashley Tomlin, Headteacher at Borden Grammar::**

'Borden Grammar school provides a supportive and inclusive academic environment where we develop minds and create futures. We nurture our students to become courageous, creative and resilient, whilst being respectful and kind to others. However, we realise that not all young people have the same chances in life, and that we need to seek creative solutions to help all students achieve their true potential. This is why Borden is passionate about working with Atom learning to try and support disadvantaged students by giving free access to inspiring resources that will help give all students the opportunities they deserve.'

## **Flo Simpson, Chief Operating Officer at Atom Learning:**

'At Atom, our mission is to make exceptional education accessible to all and we are truly excited to partner with Borden Grammar. This partnership will bring our learning content and technology to even more families. We firmly believe that our platform empowers children to not only excel in their exams, but also to build lasting confidence and pave their path to success throughout Key Stage 3 and beyond.'

# Contact

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If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Atom Learning, please email [sirinoye@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sirinoye@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk)

