

BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE

ABE & PBE UNION-LEVEL TEST

SABBATH 14 MARCH (PRE-TEST FRIDAY 13 MARCH)

Dear Friends,

You will by now have read the statement (see below) about the decision by Newbold College and subsequently by the Conference, Mission and Union Presidents to cancel the ABE & PBE Union finals gathering. This decision was not taken lightly, but with the safety of all those attending in mind.

The BUC Pathfinder Department recognizes that the Adventurers and Pathfinders have studied extremely hard for the past few months, in particular those who have reached the Union finals and we would not like to disappoint them by not giving them a chance to express their learning through the ABE & PBE testing. To this end the testing will take place on Sabbath 14th March, but via a live link-up from the BUC Office in Watford, Hertfordshire. The details and procedure are below. More precise information will be sent out in due course as the arrangements are finalised.

PROGRAMME:

Friday 13th March

8pm – 9pm Control testing by club coordinator with BUC office.

Sabbath 14 March

2pm ABE teams log in. Testing begins.

4pm ABE testing finishes.

4.30pm PBE teams log in.

5pm Testing begins and continues until concluded.

PREPARATION

- Please find a room in your church where you can gather your team and take part in the union final under test conditions.
- Please ask an elder, pastor or Area Coordinator to act as a Appeal Judge.
- Print out the answer and score sheets which will be sent out beforehand.
- Send an email address and mobile contact number to your conference/mission director by midday Thursday 12 March. This will be used to send the Zoom links and other communication for the event.
- All contact details will be listed at the end of this document.

FRIDAY 13 TESTING PROCEDURE

- All clubs should have download Zoom Video Conferencing facility (www.zoom.us) to the device they will use to log in on the day. This device will need to be large enough for the children to read the questions, or you should be able to link/project your device to a larger screen.
- Please register your account so that you are ready to log in once the meeting link is sent out. Zoom Training videos are available here: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials?flash_digest=5dd1ab5e089ace64017b2d2dfda1c945d703daa8
- Please dial in using the link between 8-9pm provided on Friday 13 March by your regional director. If you did not receive it, please contact Pastor Dejan.
- Don't forget to click on the 'Join Audio by internet' button, then the video icon in the bottom corner so that we can see you.
- You can use this opportunity to test projection to a larger screen if necessary.
- Once testing is completed, please remember any instructions given and be ready to log into Zoom a quarter of an hour early the following day.

SABBATH 14 MARCH PROGRAMME – ADVENTURER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

- 2PM - LOG IN
Please log in as before, ensure that you have made contact and your team has been introduced (we would like to see everyone if possible!). Then please mute your microphone so that you can hear the group, but we are able to introduce the other teams.
- OPENING PRAYER – TESTING BEGINS
The test will be run in two halves, with a 10-minute break in between.
- 4PM
Testing ends. PLEASE PHONE THROUGH WITH YOUR RESULTS ASAP.
Please keep your call brief and call through to your Mission/Conference Director. If your regional director's number is occupied, please call through to Pastor Dejan or use 01923 665534.
- SCORES ARE COUNTED BY BUC TREASURY TEAM

SABBATH 14 MARCH PROGRAMME – PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

- 4.30PM – LOG IN
Please log in as before, ensure that you have made contact and your team has been introduced (we would like to see everyone if possible!). Then please mute your microphone so that you can hear the group, but we are able to introduce the other teams.
- 4.30PM OPENING PRAYER – TESTING BEGINS
The test will be run in two halves, with a 10-minute break in between.

- TESTING ENDS.
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Recognising that there are many unknowns regarding the spread and transmission of COVID-19 as well as receiving a notification from Newbold College of Higher Education stating that their venue is no longer available for use for the Union ABE & PBE and following extensive discussion at a meeting with officers of the Union and presidents of the conferences and missions on 11 March 2020, the decision has been made that as an international body, with international participants, we are cancelling the physical meeting of this event.

We are working towards an online virtual testing alternative.

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