



Procedure for Entry to
Secondary Education
2017

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open

- Registration closes 3rd July 2017.
- All pupils registered for the Kent Test will take the tests on Thursday 7th September.
- Assessment decision e-mail sent to parents after 4pm – 12th October 2017 and letters will arrive on the 13th October 2016

ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to register for the Kent Test online via <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal/>
- •The Kent Admissions team are encouraging parents to use the online registration, as this will enable you to receive the assessment decision by e-mail.

SO, HOW CAN WE HELP YOU MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION?

- ◉ All pupils have taken Cognitive Assessment Tests (CAT tests) and you should have received the results via your child, and the results of these will help inform your decision making about registering for the KENT TEST.
- ◉ • There are 3 subject areas in the CAT tests: Verbal (which equates loosely to Literacy); Non-Verbal (Spatial or Pattern Awareness) and Quantitative (Numeracy). Ideally your child needs to score well in all 3 subjects, not just one or even two papers to be a suitable candidate for the Kent Test.

CAT SCORES

- ◉ After this meeting, Mrs Ashley-Jones and the Year 5 teachers, will be available to talk through the scores at a personal level and help you with your decisions.
- ◉ •A standardised score of 100 represents 'average' performance for a child of this age with the lowest possible standardised score being 70 and the highest 140.
- ◉ •We usually say that a score of about 115+ in each test and a child that at the end of the year is working towards the greater depth standard is demonstrating the ability to cope with the level of work at a grammar school. However,....

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL THRESHOLD

- This varies every year because it takes into account the results that the children taking it achieve.
- • If lots of children do well, the pass mark is set higher.
- • If less, it's set lower.

THE FORMAT OF THE KENT TEST..

- ◉ Test 1 English and Maths paper in multiple choice format.
- ◉ An hour to administer with two 5 minute practice exercises and two 25 minute sub tests.
- ◉ •The English test will be a comprehension exercise with some additional questions to test grammar and spelling skills.

- ⦿ Test 2 will be a reasoning paper in multiple –choice format. This will take an hour to administer, including the practice drills and questions.
- ⦿ •The paper will contain a reasoning section and non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length.
- ⦿ •There will be a writing exercise with 40 minutes being allowed for the task and 10 minutes for planning. This could be used at Head teacher appeal panel, should your child not achieve the required marks.
- ⦿ •We will only appeal for your child, should their day to day attitude and aptitude, data tracking and the results of the latest CAT scores reflect a grammar school profile. Please talk to Mrs Ashley-Jones further after the meeting if you wish.

SEPTEMBER 2016 - APPLYING FOR SCHOOLS

- It is important to visit as many schools as possible
- • You can apply for up to 4 schools, and you are advised to name 4 schools on your application
- • Applications for secondary school places open after you will have been informed about the results of the Kent Test
- • You need to have applied for your chosen secondary schools by 31st October 2017
- • There is no system for parents to appeal the results of the Kent Test.
- • There is also no guarantee that if your child passes, they will secure a grammar school place, but this is unlikely in this area

PREPARATION FOR THE TEST

- You are not alone. If you need any help or advice, let us help you. We want to see the youngsters we have nurtured over the last seven years to continue to be enthusiastic learners and happy in their new schools.

- Any Questions?