

Brabourne Church of England Primary School

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Dear Year 5 parents

KENT TEST

You will no doubt be aware that Kent operates a Grammar School system and parents of children currently in Year 5 will need to register their child for the Kent test, if they wish their child to be assessed for Grammar School.

Registration for the Kent test opened on 1 June 2020 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2020 for children due to start secondary school in September 2021.

Registration for the Kent test can be completed online: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

You can also find more details on this website, as well as who to contact at KCC if you have any problems or queries.

At the current time the published Kent Test dates for 2020 are:

- 10 September 2020 for children who go to school in Kent
- 12 September 2020 for children who go to school outside of Kent

These dates are subject to change, due to the current Covid situation. The tests are normally a multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. The results of the tests are normally issued mid October which enables parents to apply for secondary school places in plenty of time.

The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

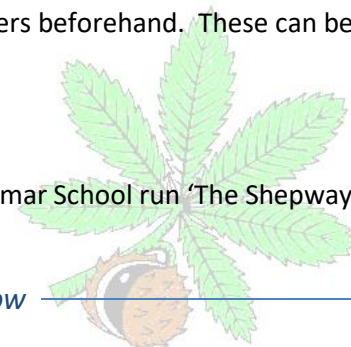
The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

I would highly recommend familiarising the children with Kent test style papers beforehand. These can be bought online and a practice booklet is also available on the KCC website.

SHEPWAY TEST

In addition, The Folkestone School for Girls, alongside the Harvey Boys Grammar School run 'The Shepway



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Test'. The Shepway Test effectively gives students a second chance to show that they are of selective ability.

The Shepway Test is a computer based test which assesses verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and mathematics. Literacy skills are also assessed through an extended piece of writing and this section of the test is completed on paper.

For more information and how to apply, please see:

<https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/index.php/information/theshepwaytest>

<http://www.harveygs.kent.sch.uk/static/notices/admissions-and-open-evening.pdf>

If you have any questions about registration, or the Kent test, please do get in touch.

Kind regards
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



Sow the seeds... Nurture... Watch them grow