



# Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) and The Kent Test (11+)

Parents' Presentation June 2023

# Secondary School Admissions

- ▶ Firstly, we know that this can be an extremely stressful time for both pupils and parents with a whole host of questions to answer.
  - ▶ Which school should we choose?
  - ▶ Will I get in to the school?
  - ▶ Do I live close enough?
  - ▶ How do I apply for a place?
  - ▶ How does the process work?
  - ▶ What is important to remember is that this process is about finding the most appropriate school for your child – in fact, it is similar to when you were choosing your child's primary school. You know how difficult that was and this can be even more challenging.
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# We Are Here to Help

- ▶ Please, please, please – if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask us. It may be that we can answer them for you; if we can't, we can point you in the right direction!
  - ▶ Please also remember that there are no silly questions – do ask. You can talk to Mr Stapley or myself before or after school.
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# Key Dates

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Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Answer sheets to collection point by 10am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Assessment decisions sent to parents/carers (after 4pm) by email
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Closing date for secondary school applications
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	National Offer Day (emails sent after 4pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Deadline for accepting/refusing places
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Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	KCC to reallocate places available from schools' waiting lists

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Half Term Holiday Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive	
SCAF opening date	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
SCAF closing date	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023
National Offer Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (emails sent after 4pm, letters Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March onwards)
<b>Closing Dates:</b>	
Waiting List Requests: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Acceptances/Refusals: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Appeals:	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

# Applying for a Secondary School Place

- ▶ You will need to complete the Authority's Secondary Common Application Form (Kent SCAF) online or on paper.
- ▶ Paper forms may be returned via the school or direct to the Kent County Council.
- ▶ The website will be available from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September and applications need to be submitted by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. *Please note: This is a national date, imposed centrally on all Local Authorities.*
- ▶ The website address is: [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- ▶ You can name up to **four schools** in order of your preference.

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Sign In or Create Account

## Kent Online Admissions

You can use this system to apply online for school places or the Kent Test - please use the Sign In or Create Account button above

Please ensure you have read [KCC's Admissions Privacy Notice](#) before you apply.

The application windows for the various online application rounds are:

**Kent Test for September 2022 entry to secondary school** - 1 June to 1 July 2021

**Admission to secondary school in September 2022** - 1 September to 1 November 2021


**Admission to primary/junior school in September 2022** - 5 November 2021 to 17 January 2022

For more information on any of the above rounds including dates please visit [kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions)


### Support

If you require any assistance applying online please email [Kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

# Choosing Schools


- ▶ Choose your schools carefully – 4 in total and it is recommended that you put 4 schools.
  - ▶ Put the schools in your preferred order.
  - ▶ Submit SCAF form before the deadline.
  - ▶ Your decision should be based on which school best suits your child and what is going to enable them to flourish.
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# Deciding

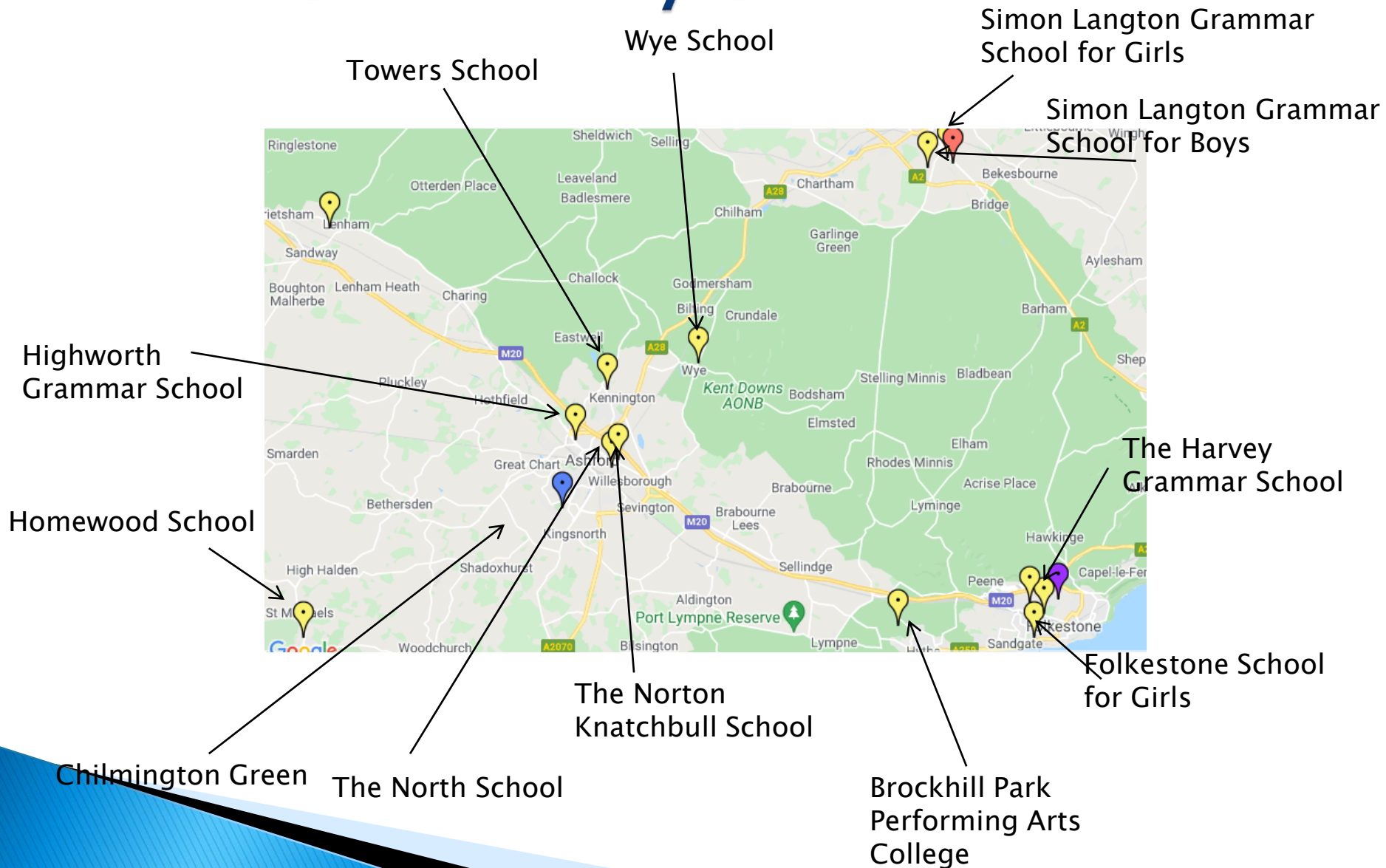
- ▶ Remember it is about the best interests of YOUR child. Where is your child going to thrive?
  - ▶ What school is best going to meet their needs?
  - ▶ What school can offer your child a curriculum and a learning approach which will fit with them?
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# Tips For Choosing A School

- ▶ Choose the schools that will best meet your child's needs, which may or may not be a Grammar School.
  - ▶ Keep an open mind.
  - ▶ Visit the schools – check their websites for open days and tours.
  - ▶ Talk to your child, talk to the schools and talk to us.
  - ▶ Look at each school's own admissions criteria.
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# Local Secondary Schools



# Schools to Note

- ▶ The following grammar schools offer places through the Shepway tests (their own tests):
    - Folkestone Grammar School for Girls
    - The Harvey Grammar School for Boys
  - ▶ Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys gives priority to those with 20 or more marks above the Kent Test threshold and living within 9 miles of the school.
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# The Kent Test (11+)

- ▶ Your child does not need to take the Kent Test unless you and your child are interested in naming a grammar school in your application.
- ▶ The children will take the Kent Test on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- ▶ The results are received on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (after 4pm).
- ▶ The school will support children through the test but cannot coach them for the test.
- ▶ There are four tasks:
  - Maths (30 minutes)
  - English (30 minutes)
  - Reasoning (1 hour)
  - Writing Task (40 minutes)
- ▶ Registration for the Kent Test opens on 1<sup>st</sup> June and closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- ▶ Register online at [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest)
- ▶ If you are in any doubt, register your child for the test – you can withdraw your application up until the morning of the test.

# Kent Test Registration

- ▶ <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

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## Kent Test

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** will open on Thursday 1 June 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 3 July 2023. We cannot accept late registrations.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 7 September 2023** for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on the weekend of **Saturday 9 September 2023** for other pupils. Any reference to 'Kent Test' or 'registration' does not guarantee when or if testing will take place.

The assessment results will be sent on Wednesday 18 October 2023 after 4pm.

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Register	▼
Test dates	▼
Test paper	▼
Results day	▼
What your score means	▼
Apply for grammar school	▼

# Shepway Test

- ▶ Folkestone School for Girls and The Harvey Grammar School run the Shepway Test.
- ▶ The registration form is available on the school websites from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- ▶ The Shepway Test is a computer based test which assesses verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and mathematics. Literacy skills are assessed through an extended piece of writing.
- ▶ 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/admissions/>



# Shepway Test

► <https://www.shepway11plus.co.uk/>

## 2024 Year 7 Entry for Shepway Grammar Schools


<b>Registration</b>	9am 1st June 2023 to 3rd July 2023
<b>Test Dates</b>	Saturday 9th September 2023
<b>Results</b>	6th October 2023
<b>Test Supplier</b>	<b>CEM Centre for Evaluation &amp; Monitoring<sup>®</sup>, Cambridge (CEM<sup>®</sup>): CEM 11+<sup>®</sup></b> <b>Computer Test:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Comprehension</li><li>- Vocabulary and understanding of Words</li><li>- Mathematics</li><li>- Non-verbal reasoning</li><li>- Half an hour of creative writing set by the school</li></ul>

## Kent Shepway Grammar Schools

Shepway Grammar School	PAN (Year 7)
The Folkestone School for Girls (Folkestone)	150
The Harvey Grammar School for boys (Folkestone)	150
Mayfield Grammar School for girls (Dover)	180




# Should My Child Sit the Kent Test?


- ▶ The children will be completing Cognitive Ability Test (CATs) which give an indication of how your child is likely to perform. These tests will take place next week and we will give you the results once completed.
  - ▶ These scores, along with their attainment in school, will help you decide if you wish to register your child.
  - ▶ We are here to answer any questions and support you through this process.
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# Special Arrangements

- ▶ Special arrangements can be requested for sitting the test – time/ rest breaks etc or adjustments to the test papers – size/colour etc
  - ▶ Please contact Mr Stapley or myself, as soon as possible, if you believe that your child's academic ability may be compromised by their ability to access a test.
  - ▶ Any access requirements must be made by the school by the 12<sup>th</sup> July.
  - ▶ When you register your child for the Kent Test online, you will need to confirm if you have discussed a request for access arrangements with the school.
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# Maths and English Tests

- ▶ The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet.
  - ▶ The first two tests will be an English paper and Maths paper which will take approximately 1 hour in total.
  - ▶ Each section will involve a 5 minute practise exercise followed by a 25 minute test.
  - ▶ The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions designed to test Literacy skills.
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# Reasoning Tests

- ▶ The second test is a reasoning paper.
  - ▶ It will take about 1 hour, including the practise sections and questions.
  - ▶ It contains a verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning section.
  - ▶ The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections.
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# Raw Scores and Standardised Scores

Extremely low score	Moderately low score	Average score	Moderately high score	Extremely high score
0-70	70-85	85-115	115-130	130-140

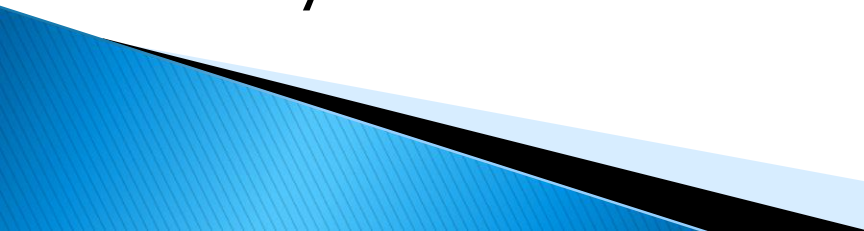
Raw Score	Standardised Score	Raw score	Standardised score
Verbal reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Non-Verbal Reasoning	Non Verbal Reasoning.
62	120	41	112

- ▶ Each paper is marked based on the number of questions correct – this provides a raw score.
- ▶ The raw scores are then standardised. This means that the scores are weighted to reflect the child's age at the time of taking the test.
- ▶ You will receive 3 scores which are totalled to give an overall score.
- ▶ The threshold mark is different each year. It will be set once the test has been marked and depends on the range of scores.
- ▶ 2022 – the threshold mark was 332+ with no individual score below 108.

# Writing Task

- ▶ There is also a written exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the Headteacher Appeals process.
  - ▶ The writing task is 40 minutes, including 10 minutes planning time.
  - ▶ The children get a variety of topics and need to choose one to write about.
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# Headteacher Appeal Process

- ▶ If a child does not meet the threshold in the Kent Test, there is still the Headteacher Appeal process.
  - ▶ The school will only appeal for a place where we feel that there is sufficient evidence to support a grammar placement. So, their work this term really matters.
  - ▶ The Headteacher Appeal process takes place prior to 'results day' and we are not allowed to let you know if we are appealing or not.
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# Results Day

- ▶ You will receive an email or letter saying that your child has:
  - been assessed as suitable for a grammar school placement (G)
  - been assessed as suitable for a high school placement (H)
- ▶ We reassure children that this is not a 'pass' or 'fail' result but an assessment on where they might learn best.
- ▶ Results Day can be stressful for them.
- ▶ Please do not ask us to give you your child's results on Results Day. We can discuss them from the following day.
- ▶ If your child did not sit the Kent Test or was assessed as suitable as H, you can still put a Kent grammar school on your application but that school will be turned down.
- ▶ You will then have the right to appeal to explain why you think a grammar school is a suitable option for your child.
- ▶ The Parental Appeal normally takes place in May.

# Notification


- ▶ Kent notify parents on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (National Offer Day)** of the offer of a single school place, and explain how to lodge an appeal if you are not happy with the offer you have received. **Online notifications will arrive by e-mail after 4pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March; letters will arrive on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**
- ▶ **As parents, you will be asked to accept or decline the place offered by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** If no response has been received by then, you will be reminded of the need to respond within a further 7 days if you do not wish to lose your place.
- ▶ **Deadline for lodging an appeal is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and reallocation of places by KCC follows.**



# Appeals Process

- ▶ IT IS ALWAYS ADVISABLE TO ACCEPT THE PLACE YOU ARE OFFERED AND THEN APPEAL FROM THIS POINT.
- ▶ You can of course appeal the place your child has been offered and the closing date for an appeal is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- ▶ Parents are able to appeal for a place but not able to appeal against the test scores at this point.
- ▶ Reallocation of places will be done on/or by 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- ▶ <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/appeal-a-school-offer#tab-2>

# What Can You Do?

- ▶ Prepare your child by:
    - looking at verbal and non-verbal exercises
    - look at English and maths exercises
    - look at the Kent Familiarisation Booklet
  - ▶ Look at online test resources.
  - ▶ Make sure your child practises these exercises so that they are familiar with the test format.
  - ▶ Make sure they continue reading and writing during the summer holiday.
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# Familiarisation Booklet



## Familiarisation Booklet

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This familiarisation booklet is designed for pupils who plan to take the Kent 11+ test this year. It will help to familiarise you with what to expect by giving a brief description of the different parts of the test, suggestions for how individual question types should be approached and an example of how to record your answers on the separate answer sheet. The example and practice questions that are included here will give you a chance to practise answering different kinds of reasoning, English and maths questions, but will not necessarily be exactly the same question types that will come up in your test. The order in which sections appear may also vary. The purpose of this booklet is to show the kind of challenges that the Kent test will present and to guide you in how best to deal with them.

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# What Can You Do?

- ▶ Be realistic – different children suit different types of school!
  - ▶ Visit the secondary schools with your child. Secondary schools will be advertising their open days/evenings/tours on their websites.
  - ▶ Please inform us of when you are going to look at secondary schools so that it is approved as an authorised absence.
  - ▶ Involve your child in the decision making process – but remember you are their parents so make the best decisions for them.
  - ▶ Remember we are here to help.
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# Resources

- ▶ Kent Test Registration Website

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- ▶ GLS Assessment Familiarisation Materials

<https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-materials/>

CGP Materials

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/preparing-for-the-11-plus-with-cgp/free-11-plus-practice-tests>

- ▶ ElevenPlusExams

<https://www.elevenplusexams.co.uk>

- ▶ WHSmith

- ▶ These websites contain practise resources. However, some may require that you register with them.
- ▶ None of these links constitute an endorsement by the school. Other websites and resources are available.

# Resources

- ▶ Kent Secondary Common Admission Form (SCAF) – currently has last year's details but will be updated ready for September 2023

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

- ▶ List of Secondary Schools' Admission Criteria

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/admissions-criteria/admissions-criteria-202425>

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# Questions?

