

# Procedure for Entry into Secondary School

For September 2022

# Secondary School Applications

- Applications need to be made using the following website.

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

*If you are interested in your child attending a grammar school then you must register for the Kent Test.*

- The window for each application will open and close at the following dates

	Open	Close
Kent Test applications	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Secondary school applications	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021

# Kent Test - Timetable

- Grammar schools = Kent Test (11+)
- Only necessary if considering grammar school place
- Registration for Kent Test

**Tuesday 1st June – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

*By using this registration service you will be expressing an interest in obtaining an assessment*

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

# 11+ (Kent Test) process

- Look at 'Kent Familiarisation Booklet' on registration site

[https://www.kent.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf)

- This describes parts of test and gives advice, provides a link to GL assessment site where further examples can be found.
- All papers are multiple choice with separate answer sheet.

## **English and Maths**

1 hour

5 minutes practice then 25 minutes

includes a comprehension exercise and test of literacy skills


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- **Reasoning Paper**
- Verbal Reasoning (1 section) and Non Verbal Reasoning (4 sections)
- 1 hour
  
- **Writing Paper**
- 40 minutes including 10 minutes planning
  
- Kent Test Day is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

The process will be completed in school and will begin around 9am and finish by 2.15pm

# CAT4 Assessments

- We have completed CAT4 assessments to help you make a decision about registering for the Kent Test.
- Your child will have come home with this form



Year 5 CAT4 Results – May 2021

NAME OF PUPIL

Assessment Format	Number of Questions Attempted	Standard Age Score (SAS)

SAS – this is based on the students raw score which has been adjusted for age and places on a scale that makes the comparison with a notionally representative sample of students of the same age across the UK. The average score is 100.

- If you would like some help interpreting the results and your decision to apply for the Kent Test, please refer to the letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> May for ways to speak to a member of staff.

# Kent Test - Standardisation of Scores

- Average = 100
- Scores for Grammar School need to be above average
- Successful Assessment in 2020 was based on a total score of 332 or more with no single score lower than 108 (minimum score is 69 and the maximum is 141)

Name	Reasoning	English	Maths	Total	Assess
Alice	129	129	120	378	G
Bob	108	108	108	324	G
Carol	106	112	120	338	H

# Secondary School Questions / Advice

Before completing your application for a secondary school place we advise parents to.....

- Visit as many school websites as possible (we would normally recommend visiting the schools at a range of different times)
- Take your child with you where possible but do try and visit on your own too.
- Look at the school's website and how they promote themselves.
- Look at the oversubscription criteria for each school you would like to apply for.
- Go to Open Days/Talks/Taster Days/Online Events.
- Talk about if your child can easily get to school....be realistic, think about transport options.



# Continued...

- What subjects are offered?
- Applicable to your child's interests?
- GCSE passes / A Level passes?
- Sixth Form facilities?
- % that go on to College?
- Value Added performances?
- Development plans for the next 3 years?
- Ask about your areas of concern eg. Discipline, SEN, pastoral support.

# Secondary Admissions Team

Phone: 0300 41 21 21

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

Email address for any questions  
[kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk)

Website for further information about the Kent Test  
<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Familiarisation papers can be found here.  
<https://www.gi-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/>

# PESE Key Dates 2021-2022

Action	Date
Registration for Kent Test opens	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021
Closing date for Kent Test Registration	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Applications for Secondary School Admissions opens	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
Kent Test Day for those registered	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Kent Test results sent to parents	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Closing date for Secondary School Admissions	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
National Offer Day: school allocations sent via email after 4pm and via 1 <sup>st</sup> class post	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022

# Schools in the area

- The Lenham School
- Valley Park
- The School of Science and Technology (SST)  
Maidstone
- The Maplesden Noakes School
- St. Augustine's Academy
- St. Simon Stock Catholic School
- Cornwallis Academy
- New Line Learning Academy
- Homewood School
- The North School
- Towers School
- The Abbey School
- Westlands School
- Maidstone Grammar School
- Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
- Invicta Grammar School
- Oakwood Park Grammar
- Highworth Grammar
- Norton Knatchbull School
- Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
- Highsted Grammar School
- Borden Grammar School

If you have any questions you can either call the school and ask to speak to Mrs Culver at the following times or email the school on **[office@lenham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@lenham.kent.sch.uk)** and include the subject 'Y5 PESE question'

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 9.00-11.00am

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1.00-3.00pm

Thank you for attending