

Kent Test

- key information

For September 10th 2026



Kent Test Applications

- Applications need to be made using the following website.

www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

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

	Open	Close
Kent Test applications	1 st June 2026	1 st July 2026
Deadline for Special Arrangements		1 st July 2026



Kent Test - Timetable

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

Monday 1st June - Wednesday 1st July

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

- Register online www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest



11+ (Kent Test) process

English and Maths

1 hour

5 minutes practice then 25 minutes

includes a comprehension exercise and test of literacy skills

Reasoning Paper

Verbal Reasoning (1 section) and Non Verbal Reasoning (4 sections)

1 hour



Kent Test (11+) process

Writing Paper

40 minutes including 10 minutes planning


Kent Test Day is Thursday 10th September 2026

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



What will the school do?

- ▶ We have completed some CAT4 assessments which are similar in some respects, but not an exact equivalent to the papers completed in the Kent Test.
- ▶ Your child's results can help you make a decision about registering for the Kent Test.
- ▶ You have received a copy of your child's results.



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Year 5 CAT4 Scores – May 2023

Name of Pupil

Assessment Format	Number of questions attempted	Standard Age Score (SAS)
Verbal Battery	/48	
Quantitative Battery	/36	
Non-verbal Battery	/48	
Spatial Battery	/36	

SAS – this is based on the students raw score which has been adjusted for age 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 speak to a member of staff at the end of this meeting.





Kent Test - Standardisation of Scores

- Average = 100
- Scores for Grammar School need to be above average
- Successful Assessment in 2025 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) *423 is the maximum standardised score pupils can achieve.*

Name	Reasoning	English	Maths	Total	Assess
Alice	129	129	120	378	G
Bob	108	108	116	332	G
Carol	106	112	120	338	H

Special Arrangements

- ▶ Special Arrangements are to allow access to the Kent Test, not to maximise scores.
- ▶ Requests must reflect standard classroom practice.
- ▶ Requests are made by the school but the parents **MUST** inform the school that they have made an application for the Kent Test **BEFORE** the deadline. Special arrangements submissions close on 1st JULY.
- ▶ There are no blanket concessions and access is agreed on a case by case basis.
- ▶ Requests are considered individually by a non-statutory special arrangement panel. Decisions are final and not subject to appeal.



Preparing for the Kent Test

- Look at 'Kent Familiarisation Booklet' on registration site

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.
- ▶ We have been approached by the following company, Atom Learning, who are offering online 11+ support. This is not a recommendation but parents are free to click the link and check them out.
- ▶ https://atomlearning.com/11-plus?srsltid=AfmBOooeE1wCcVhgezPYfx5pVn0Cd64QTByOraXbQLhFfAQach_uHA



Kent Test - Key Dates 2024-2025

Action	Date
Registration for Kent Test opens	1 st June 2026
Closing date for Kent Test Registration	1 st July 2026
Kent Test Day for those registered	10 th September 2026
Kent Test results sent to parents	15 th October 2026





Selective Schools in the area

- ▶ 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

Secondary Admissions Team

Phone: 0300 41 21 21

kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

<http://kent.gov.uk/ola>

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

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/>



Kent Test - Parent information leaflet

A copy of this leaflet has been included in your results envelope

A copy of these slides, with the relevant links, has been added to the Year 5 Class page on the school website.

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kentfest

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kentfest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Monday 1 June 2026	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kentfest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
Thursday 10 September 2026	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Thursday 15 October 2026	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk, if your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.

