

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

2020



CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL

- **LOOK AT WEBSITES**
- **CHECK OFSTED PARENT VIEW & TALK TO PARENTS**
- **LOOK AT RESULTS OVER LAST FEW YEARS**
- **LOOK AROUND SCHOOLS – OPEN DAYS AND OPEN EVENINGS**
- **CHECK TRANSPORT FROM HOME TO SCHOOL**

CAT4 TESTS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

- 4 sections to the test
- 1 = Verbal (words), 2 = Quantitative (numbers), 3 = Non-verbal (shapes) & 4 = spatial (shape & space)
- Spatial is also in the Kent test
- Each section is scored - 100 is average
- 112 is above average (114+ = top 20%)

Important Dates

- **Now** – check open evenings/open days
- **June 3 – July 3** - Register your child (don't forget to click on submit at the end!) For Dover/Shepway test register directly at the school
- **September 12** – Kent test in school
- **September 14** – Dover/Shepway test
- **October 17** – Kent test results (by email)
- **September 2 – October 31** Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

The Kent Test

- You must register your child if you would like them to sit the Kent test
- Register online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Any difficulties registering, ring secondary admissions 03000 41 21 21
- Register between 3 June and 3 July 2019

THE KENT TEST

- English & Maths Test (60 minutes)
- Reasoning Test (60 minutes)
- Writing (40 minutes)*

UNDERSTANDING THE TEST

- On KCC website - Click on School Places, go to The Kent Test, click on Test paper. There is a familiarisation booklet to show you the type of questions in each section.

What happens after the test?

- Test scores back to school
- If a pupil, who we feel is of grammar school ability, underperforms in test we will prepare for Headteacher Appeals
- Headteacher appeals – writing completed in Kent test is looked at along with children's books
- Results by email October 17th, by post October 18th
- Complete SCAF by October 31st

SCAF

- 4 preferences (A child who gets a grammar school assessment is not guaranteed a grammar school place. Schools set their own oversubscription criteria – look at school website.) Please also check website as a supplementary form may also be required for admission.
- Better to use all the preferences as naming fewer than 4 schools will not improve a child's eligibility for admission to any of them. You may be offered a school by default.
- National Offer Day is March 2nd
- Instructions on how to appeal is sent out with letter of offer.