

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY



# 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**

# Important Dates

- **Now** – check open evenings/open days
- **June 1 – July 3rd** - Register your child (don't forget to click on submit at the end!) For Dover/Shepway test register directly at the school
- **September 7** – Kent test in school
- **September 9** – Dover/Shepway test
- **October 18** – Kent test results (by email)
- **September – 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- Any difficulties registering, ring secondary admissions 03000 41 21 21
- Register between 1 June and 3 July 2023

# THE KENT TEST

- English & Maths Test (60 minutes)
- Reasoning Test – includes verbal, non-verbal and spatial (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
- [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)
- Coaching pupils in school is not permitted. 'If we receive evidence that a school is coaching we reserve the right to 'unlink' it from PESE.'  
(PESE = Procedure for Entrance to Secondary Education)

# **WHAT DOES THE KENT TEST LOOK LIKE?**

- **The test format and style of questions changes every year but children would benefit from some familiarisation either through practice books or online resources such as BOFA11+.com and Bond Online**
- **GL Assessment 11+ booklets are available (also Bond, CGP)**
- **Test books are available for all areas of the test including spatial**



# **WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE KENT TEST**

This is an example of what the Kent Test looks like but the format could change slightly.



**ENGLISH READING**  
**(TEXT FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLE CHOICE**  
**QUESTIONS)**

**CHILDREN NEED A WIDE VOCABULARY**  
**AND TO BE ABLE TO READ AT SPEED**

**6 QUESTIONS PUNCTUATION**

**6 QUESTIONS SPELLING**

**MATHS**

**E.G. 2 STEP PROBLEMS**

**TIME, MONEY, NUMBER SEQUENCES,  
FRACTIONS, MEASURE, GRAPHS, %, SHAPE  
[ SIMILAR TO WORK COMPLETED IN  
SCHOOL ]**

# **VERBAL REASONING**

**E.G. ALPHABET CODE, FINDING WORDS  
WITHIN WORDS,  
ANTONYMS (OPPOSITES)**

**NON-VERBAL**

**3 SECTIONS 5 MINS FOR 10 QUESTIONS**

**SPATIAL**

**2 SECTIONS 4 MINS FOR 9 QUESTIONS**

**WRITING – 40 MINS - IN AFTERNOON**

**CHOICE OF DIFFERENT TITLES BOTH  
FICTION AND NON-FICTION**

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>
- Complete SCAF by October 31<sup>st</sup>



# 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%)

# 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 websites.)
- Check you have completed any supplementary forms for the school (e.g. St Anselm's) or banding assessment (Canterbury Academy). Information will be on the school's website.
- 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 1st
- Instructions on how to appeal is sent out with letter of offer.