

The Kent Secondary Admissions Procedure 2023/24



Parent Guide

- Application for a school place
 - Tests
- Selection Process



Timescale




Key Date:	Event
Thursday 1 st June 2023	Registration for the Kent Test Opens
Monday 3 rd July 2023	Registration for the Kent Test Closes
Thursday 8 th June 2023 at 5pm	Parent meeting at Warden House (in Giraffes Classroom)
Tuesday, 13th June 2023	Dover Grammar School for Girls Tours begin (Contact the school for further details).
Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 5 pm	Meeting at Dover Grammar School for Boys regarding their admissions test (Click below to register by 16/06/23 at 6pm) https://forms.office.com/e/uhjGfLHGx0
Friday 7 July 2023	Deadline for registering to take the Dover Boys and Dover Girls' Grammar School Admissions Test
Thursday 7 September 2023	Kent Test takes place at Warden House for registered pupils.
Saturday 9 September 2023	Dover Boys and Dover Girls Grammar School Admission Tests take place
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Assessment Decision sent to parents
Tuesday 31 November 2023	Deadline to complete secondary common application (SCAF) form.
Early March 2024 (Exact date tbc)	Offer letters emailed and posted to parents



The LEA will act as a clearing house for all applications

1. Where a child is eligible for a place at only one of the nominated schools, that school will be offered.
2. Where a child is eligible for a place at two or more of the nominated schools, they will be allocated a place at whichever of these is the highest ranked preference.
3. Where a child is not eligible for a place at any of the nominated schools, the child will be allocated a place at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy.

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- You can only appeal to a school you have nominated on your child's SCAF form
 - Parents must confirm their acceptance of the school offered
 - If you are refused a place at your preferred school you can request to be placed on a waiting list or could appeal against the decision

In Summary

Stage 1

Parents register their child to take the Kent Test by 3rd July 23 as well as the relevant Dover Grammar Tests

Stage 2

Children sit the Kent test in September and parents are notified of the outcome on 18th October 2023

Stage 3

Parents complete The SCAF in October and are notified of the outcome in March 2023

How PESE Test Works

- Takes place at Warden House on Thursday 7 September 2023
- The current test was introduced in 2015 produced by Granada Learning Assessment
- No Practice test – just practice questions
- English and Maths Test in multiple choice format (c.60 minutes plus admin time, two separate sections each with introductory practice items, English first);
- Reasoning Test in multiple choice format (c.60 minutes plus admin time, one Verbal-Reasoning section, one non-verbal reasoning and one spacial reasoning test.
- Writing exercise 40 mins

Non- Verbal + Spatial Reasoning

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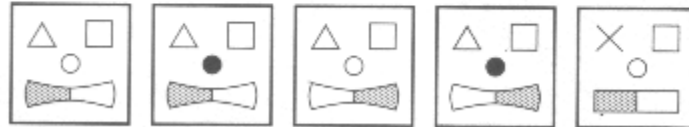
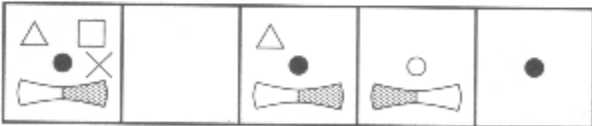
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Verbal Reasoning

This tests the children's ability to reason with words and language

Find the next pair of letters in this sequence: CQ
DQ EP FP

Answer: **GO**

If the code for FOOT is **ENNS**, what is the code for
TOE?

Answer: **SND**



Mathematics

This test is similar to the end of Year 6 tests, however the answers are multiple-choice.

The prominent difference is that questions will push for the higher ability to calculate and reason.

Writing



This test is a short writing activity under test conditions. This test will only be looked at where a child's test scores are just below the threshold for grammar selection. This will not be marked and will not affect your child's standardised score.

To be selected as suitable for grammar school:

- In 2022 a child needed to score an aggregate of over 324 in all tests to be assessed as grammar.
- The threshold for grammar selection was 108 on each test.
- Please note: this is different to our internal CAT tests where the grammar threshold would be between 110-120 based on the older pre-2015 tests.
- If your child falls just below the threshold, and the Headteacher (in consultation with class teachers) decides to make an appeal, their writing task will be considered as further evidence alongside work in school books.



Sir Roger Manwood's School

[Sir Roger Manwood's School \(manwoods.co.uk\)](https://www.manwoods.co.uk)

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Manwoods' open Evening is Tuesday 4th July 2023 - 7pm – 8.30pm

Dover Girls and Boys Entrance Tests

- Saturday 9th September 2023 - entrance test for Dover Girls and Boys Grammar Schools
- **Parents MUST contact each school separately** to register by Friday 7th July 2023. Please check carefully the deadlines for both of the schools.
- Usually four tests between 25 and 50 minutes each
- Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning Mathematics and English.
- Contact the schools' directly or check their websites for dates of open evenings and registration forms.
- Dover Girls Details:
<http://www.dggs.kent.sch.uk/>
- Dover Boys Details: <https://www.dovergramboys.kent.sch.uk>

Goodwin Academy



<http://www.goodwinacademy.org.uk/admissions-prospectus/>

- Grammar stream (started in Sept 2019) for approx. 30 pupils. This has developed since then and may continue in 2023. Contact the school for further details.

Sandwich Technology School

<http://www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk/137/admissions>

There is now no technical aptitude test for admissions and these are now based solely on their published admissions criteria.

There is no preference for Warden House families and children are admitted to Sandwich Technology School following their agreed admissions criteria.

What happens next?

- If you wish your child to attend a grammar school you must register them for the Kent Test by **Monday 3rd July 2023.**
- Ensure you look as closely as is possible at all the schools you are interested in, if you are interested in Dover Boys or Girls, enrol to take their entrance tests. Some schools, like Dover Girls Grammar are organising tours this term.
- Remember, the decision is yours, although you must involve your child in the discussions and hear their opinions.

Finally...



This can be a potentially pressure laden time for you and your child.

Use our advice and guidance, talk to us and one another about the issues.

When we visit our Year 7 children, children are always well settled and enjoy the new chapter in their education!



Contacts

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

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