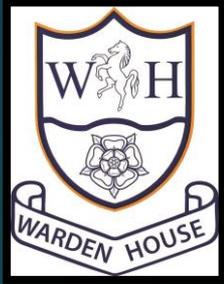


The Kent Secondary Admissions Procedure 2026/26



Parent Guide

- Application for a school place
 - Tests
- Selection Process



Timescale

Key Date:	Event
Monday 2nd June 2025	<i>Registration for the Kent Test Opens</i>
Tuesday 1st July 2025	<i>Registration for the Kent Test Closes</i>
Thursday 5th June 2025 at 5pm	<i>Parent meeting at Warden House (In Elephants Classroom)</i>
Tuesday 10th June 2025 6pm - 8pm	<i>Dover Grammar School for Girls Open Evening</i>
Wednesday 11th June 2025 & Thursday 12th June 2025 (9.30am – 11:30am)	<i>Dover Grammar School for Girls Open Day Tours begin</i> <i>Booking Link:</i> https://forms.office.com/e/k1i5JnGMTu
Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 5pm	<i>Information evening at Dover Grammar School for Boys regarding their admissions test</i> https://forms.office.com/e/9cwe02X83f
Friday 4th July 2025	<i>Deadline for registering to take the Dover Boys' Grammar School Admissions Test</i> <i>Application link:</i> https://forms.office.com/e/8XvCv21CwJ

Timescale

Key Date:	Event
Friday 11th July 2025	<i>Deadline for registering to take the Dover Girls' Grammar School Admissions Test</i> <i>Application link:</i> https://dggs.applicaa.com/entranceexam
Thursday 11th September 2025	<i>Kent Test takes place at Warden House for registered pupils</i>
Saturday 13th September 2025	<i>Dover Boys and Dover Girls Grammar School Admission Tests take place</i>
Thursday 16th October 2025	<i>Assessment Decision sent to parents</i>
Friday 31st October 2025	<i>Deadline to complete secondary common application (SCAF) form.</i>



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 1st July 2025 as well as the relevant Dover Grammar Tests

Stage 2

Children sit the Kent test in September and parents are notified of the outcome in October 2025

Stage 3

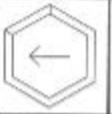
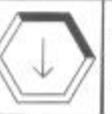
Parents complete The SCAF in October and are notified of the outcome in March 2026

How PESE Test Works

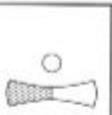
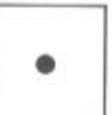
- Takes place at Warden House on Thursday 11th September 2025
- The current test was introduced in 2015 produced by Granada Learning Assessment
- No Practice test – just practice questions
- English and Maths Test in multiple choice format (c.60 minutes plus admin time, two separate sections each with 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 special reasoning test.
- Writing exercise 40 mins

Non- Verbal + Spatial Reasoning

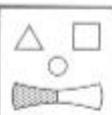
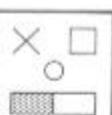
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Verbal Reasoning



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 2024 a child needed to score an aggregate of over 332 in all tests to be assessed as grammar.
- The threshold for grammar selection was 106 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.

Access Arrangements

- Some children may be entitled to access arrangements to help them access the Kent Test or Dover Grammar Tests.
- If you feel that your child may need special arrangements to help them access the Kent Test, please contact our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs. Lynne Moore by Friday 14th June to discuss this further.
- Access arrangement for the Dover Grammar tests **MUST** be discussed by the parents/carers with the individual Grammar school.



Sir Roger Manwood's School

[Sir Roger Manwood's School - Admissions](#)

Open Evening: Tuesday 1st July 2025 (5.30pm - 7.30pm)

Dover Girls and Boys Entrance Tests

- Saturday 14th September 2024 - entrance test for Dover Boys and Girls Grammar Schools
- Parents MUST contact each school separately to register by

Dover Boys - Friday 4th July 2025.

Dover Girls - Friday 11th July 2025.

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/>
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Tuesday 10th June 2025 6pm - 8pm	<i>Dover Grammar School for Girls Open Evening</i>
Wednesday 11th June 2025 & Thursday 13th June 2025 (9.30am - 11.30am)	<i>Dover Grammar School for Girls Open Day Tours begin</i> <i>Booking Link:</i> https://forms.office.com/e/k1i5JnGMTu

- Dover Boys Details: <http://www.dgsb.co.uk>

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 5pm	<i>Information evening at Dover Grammar School for Boys regarding their admissions test</i> https://forms.office.com/e/9cwe02X83f
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Goodwin Academy

[Admissions, Goodwin Academy](#)

- Grammar stream for approx. 30 pupils. This has developed since then and may continue in 2024. Contact the school for further details.

Opening morning tours:

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October 2025

Sandwich Technology School



Admissions - Sandwich Technology School

- **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.**

Summer Open Evening: Tuesday 1st July 2025 (5.30pm - 7.30pm)

St Edmund's Catholic School

[Admissions - St Edmund's Catholic School](#)

**Open Evening: Wednesday 24th September 2025
5.00pm – 8.00pm**



**Open morning tours: Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025
9.00am – 9.45am**

[Events - St Edmund's Catholic School](#)

What happens next?

- If you wish your child to attend a grammar school you must register them for the Kent Test by Monday 1st July 2025.
- 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!



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