



The Kent Secondary Admissions Procedure 2021/22



Parent Guide

- Application for a school place
 - Tests
 - Selection Process



Introduction:

The ongoing nature of the Covid situation has left us with some uncertainty regarding selection for Grammar School from September 2022.

KCC and the local grammar schools have proposed the following dates and timescales in this pack with the presumption that the national picture will continue to be positive and that there are no additional restrictions in place. As we know, this may suddenly change at short notice should there be a spike in cases.

Please be advised that all information within this pack is subject to change depending on the situation and government guidance at the time. We will do all we can to keep schools informed and as up to date as possible should any further information come to light.

Should your child have a special educational need that may need additional access arrangements, it is the responsibility of the parents to apply for this in consultation with their child's primary school. Please contact our SENCO MRs Alldis to discuss this further by phoning the school or emailing zoe.Alldis@warden-house.kent.sch.uk. Please arrange to have this conversation by Friday 18 June.

Please contact office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk should you have any specific questions after reading this pack.

Best wishes

Mr Hackett



Timescale



- **1st June – 1st July 2021:** Register your child for testing
<http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola>
- **Thursday 9th September 2021:** Kent Test Takes place at Warden House
- **Saturday 11th September 2021:** Dover Grammar School tests take place at the relevant grammar school
- **Thurs 14th October 2021 at 4pm:** The decision regarding placement at Grammar or High School posted or emailed (letters to arrive on 16th October)
- You can also [log in](#) to view your child's Kent Test 11+ assessment and test scores after this time.
- **1st November 2021:** Closing date for SCAF (Secondary Common Assessment form)
- **(Usually) March 2022:** - Offer letter posted to parents (letters to arrive on or after)



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.



- 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 21 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 2021

Stage 3

Parents complete The SCAF in October and are notified of the outcome in March 2022



How PESE Test Works

- New test 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



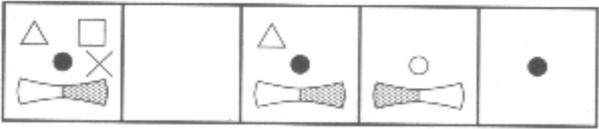
Non- Verbal + Spatial Reasoning

11



a **b** **c** **d** **e**

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a **b** **c** **d** **e**



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 2018 a child needed to score an aggregate of over 323 in all tests to be assessed as grammar.
- The threshold for grammar selection was 107 on each test.
- Please note: this is different to our internal CAT tests where the grammar threshold would be between 118-120 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.



Dover Girls and Boys Entrance Tests

- Saturday 11th September 2021 - entrance test for Dover Girls and Boys Grammar Schools
- Parents MUST contact each school separately to register by the end of June. 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/368/admissions-1>
- Dover Boys Details:
<https://www.dovergramboys.kent.sch.uk/1135/admissions-202021-intake>



Sir Roger Manwood's School

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

<https://www.manwoods.co.uk/admissions/y7-admissions/>



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 2022. Contact the school for further details.
- Nurture provision still exists to support SEN pupils



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.



What happens next?

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



Contacts

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

or email

office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk



Finally...



This can be a potentially pressure laden time for you and your child made even more stressful by the current Coronavirus pandemic.

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!

