

Woodlands Primary School Kent Grammar School Testing

Transfer to Secondary School
September 2024

Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

- A booklet entitled 'Admission to Secondary School in Kent' will be available at the beginning of September.
- Applications will open from early in September and close on 31st October 2023.
- Offers of places posted to parents at the beginning of March 2024.

Finding out about secondary schools

- A full list of the dates of secondary school open days is usually sent out.
- Look at individual school websites.
- Parents need to be proactive in order to identify which schools they would like to view and arrange this themselves.
- We would advise against going to visit lots of schools – be selective and avoid your child missing too much time from school.

Kent Test

- To be offered and gain a place at Grammar School children must have successfully passed the Kent Test (11+).
- Your child does not need to take the tests unless you are interested in a grammar school place.
- Useful information from <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Dates –

- Children **must** be registered ***by parents*** to take the test.
- Registration – from 1st June 2023 to 3rd July 2023
- Online registration is recommended by KCC – if you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use a school computer (www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- Tests will **all** take place during one day on Thursday 7th September

The Results

The results for the 2023 Kent Test will be sent out on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

You can get your results:

- **by email:** If you registered online and provided an email address, the results will be emailed at some point during the day of 18th October. KCC cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email - this will depend on your email service provider
- **online:** You can log in after 5pm on results day to view your results online

You can't appeal against your child's Kent Test results.

The Tests

- The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.
- The [Kent Test familiarisation booklet \(PDF, 967.4 KB\)](#) gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked. Please look on the kent admissions website.

SEND/EAL

- Identify Year 5 children who have the normal day-to-day delivery of the curriculum adapted for their particular needs;
- **Parents who think their child falls into a particular category need to contact Mrs Tarrant-Blick** in June.

Test 1

The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The test is very similar to reading comprehensions and maths content taught in school.

Test 2

The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually. We do not teach this in school.

Writing Task

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Parental appeal

- Parents can appeal FOR A SCHOOL PLACE if their child was refused a place at their preferred school.
- You can appeal during the month of March 2024.

Your Child's Score

- Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning.
- Standardisation is a statistical process which compares your child's performance with the average performance of other children in each test. A slight adjustment is made to take into account each child's age so that the youngest are not at a disadvantage.
- 423 is the maximum standardised score any pupil can achieve.

2022 Scores

Grammar school threshold

- **To be given a grammar school assessment, children needed to get a total score of 332 or more, with no single score lower than 108.**
- If a child did not reach this score and their primary school referred their case to the local Head Teacher Assessment panel, their written piece will have been looked at, together with information about their achievement in school and examples of their work before a final decision was made.

Kent Scores Report

- In response to a number of Freedom of Information requests, the LA has produced a report which shows the number of children who scored each total score, broken down by district and gender. The tabs in the report show grammar school and high school assessed pupils, as well as a total of both.
- Where children have been assessed suitable for grammar school via their local Head Teacher Assessment panel, their score may be below the 332 total score threshold. Children may also score higher than 332, but still be assessed as suitable for high school in cases where 1 or more of their individual scores were below 108.
- This report is available on the kent.gov website.

CATs

Cognitive Ability Tests – used as an indicator for 11+

The results have been sent home.

School Support

- Provide frequent opportunities to discuss your child's progress.
- Give you assessment results for CAT Tests (Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative, Spatial), progress within year-group assessments.
- Advise you whether we think that your child will be **likely** to pass the selection test or be happy within a grammar school environment.
- Help you to understand the process. Talk through your decision.
- Teachers will be honest based on current work.

Summary of Key Dates

- In June – register your child for the Kent Test should you wish them to attend a Kent Grammar School. Inform Mrs Tarrant-Blick if your child has an identified special need or has English as an Additional Language.
- From June-October 2023 - visit selected Secondary Schools.
- In September – attend the 'Introduction to Y6' Parent Meeting.
- In September - your child will sit the Kent Test if they have been registered.
- In October – apply for a Secondary School place.
- In March – respond to the school offers your child is given.

Contacts

- kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Good Luck!

Please do not hesitate to
contact us if you need any
advice, help or support...

