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**Secondary Selection
Information for Year 5
Parents
June 2022**

The Process & Key Dates

1. I1+ registration closes – *1st July*
2. Sit I1+ test – *8th September*
3. Decision sent to parents – *18th October*
4. SCAF closing date – *31st October*
5. Place allocations – *1st March*



Which schools shall I visit?

- Visit as many as possible
- If your child sat the Kent Test, visit Grammar Schools *and* High Schools
- Open evening v Daytime visit
- Don't just be guided by word of mouth or your own experience
- Friends shouldn't be a deciding factor!
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/choosing-a-school>

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Which order do I put the schools on my SCAF?

- Put them in order of preference
- If successful in Kent Test put Grammars 1st and 2nd
- If not successful in Kent Test but considering appeal for Grammar, put 1st and 2nd
- Fill all 4 choices
- Please read the transport criteria carefully before selecting schools as your child may not be eligible for free transport.

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- We advise you to name 4 schools on the SCAF. If you do not, and your child is not allocated a place at your preference school, you will be allocated a place at the nearest available school *after* all other places have been allocated.
- If your child sat the 11+ tests, please await your results on 18th October *before* completing your SCAF.
- Please note that it is not the school's place to chase parents, and if you do not complete the process, you may end up being allocated a Secondary School, which is out of area.
- If your child sat the Medway Test, you name these schools on your SCAF too.

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What happens once I've filled in my SCAF?

- You will receive an email on 1st March
- Accept the place by 15th March
- You can then be put on the waiting list for another school, or log an appeal (if it was on your SCAF)
- Please inform the school if you intend to do this
- I will let you know if I can support an appeal or not

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What is the 11+ (PESE)?

- For grammar school entrance
- Aimed to select top 20% of learners in Kent
- 2 tests
 - » English and Mathematics test
 - » Reasoning test - Non-verbal & Verbal
 - » Writing (not assessed)

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What do the tests involve?

- The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.
- 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 English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.
- 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.
- 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.
- The [Kent Test familiarisation booklet](#) gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.
- Any additional familiarisation material can be downloaded free of charge from [GL Assessment](#). (Also on our website)

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Kent Grammar School Threshold 2022

- To be given a grammar school assessment, children needed a total score of **322** or more, with no single score lower than **109**. The lowest possible score on the different tests is 69. The highest score on each test is 141, so the highest possible total score is 423.
- If your child did not reach the threshold score and their primary school referred their case to the local Head Teacher Assessment Panel, (Headteacher Appeal), the panel will have looked at their achievement in school and examples of their work, including the writing task completed on the day, before a final decision was made.

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Kent Test Scores

- 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.
- Where children have been assessed suitable for grammar school via their local Head Teacher Assessment panel, (Headteacher Appeal), their score may be below the 320 total score threshold. Children may also score higher than 320, but still be assessed as suitable for grammar school in cases where 1 or more of their individual scores were below 106

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The Medway Selective Test 2022

- [About the Medway Test Medway Test](#)
- Registration opens 1st June 2022 and closes 30th June 2022
- [Register for the Medway Test](#)
- All children who go to schools outside of Medway will sit the test in a Medway test centre on Saturday 17th, or Sunday 18th September 2022
- Invitations to sit the test will be sent at the end of August to all registered children and will confirm your child's test details.
- Test results will be posted or emailed out on 4th October 2022

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Medway Test Papers

- The Medway Test is made up of three separate papers:
 - Extended Writing
 - Mathematics
 - Verbal Reasoning
- These tests are written specifically for Medway Council and are designed to assess and select 23 per cent of the children in the year group as selective (grammar). Up to a further two per cent can be selected through the review process.

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Attending the Medway Test

When your child attends the Medway test they must:

- **Arrive on time**
Late arrivals will not be admitted to the test once it has started, as there can't be any interruptions or distractions for other children. The test date(s) arranged for your child is the only opportunity they will get to sit the Medway Test. The test can't be sat at a later date.
- **Wear school uniform**
All children sitting the Medway Test (except children who are home educated) must wear their school uniform
- **Not bring any valuable property with them**
The school are not responsible for the loss or damage of a child's property before, during or after the test. Make sure your child doesn't have anything of value with them when attending the Medway Test.

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Medway Test Scores

How the test is marked

- Each paper is marked to provide 'raw' scores.
- Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning are marked on the number of correct answers
- Extended Writing is marked against specific criteria
- The raw scores are then standardised (weighted) to reflect the child's age at the time they sit the test. This is to make sure no child is disadvantaged because they're born later in the school year.
- Each year a minimum total weighted score is set to determine those assessed as grammar. This score is set at 23 per cent of the children in the year group in Medway state primary and junior schools and differs from year to year depending on the size of the year group. Over the last three years this has been: 492, 490, 483.
- The minimum score for this year will not be known until after the test has been sat and the scores calculated.

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How do I know if Grammar's right for my child?

- Predicted to attain *above* the expected standard
- Look at your child's end of Year 4 report: Working above
- Work ethic – Home Learning
- Tutoring
- CAT Scores – 110+
- [Familiarisation Tests](#)

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Access Arrangements

- If your child has special educational needs and cannot attempt the test in the normal way you need to discuss your concerns with Mrs Martin, (SENCo) or Mrs Crittenden as the school have to apply for access arrangements
- When you register online for the Kent test you will see a message after you submit the form asking you to confirm that you have discussed any request for access arrangements with your child's school SENCo.



Wellbeing

- This is a rigorous process that can be very stressful for our children
- Please be sensitive on the day the results come out
- Think carefully about your own child and what you want for them
- It can be the first time in their lives that children experience a **pass or fail**
- If your child is entering make sure they have experienced the way the answer papers are set out

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What to do next...

- Complete registration form if want grammar place
- Attend Academic Club
- Apply online by 1st July
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>
- Visit schools – September/October
- Must sit 11+ to apply to grammar school

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