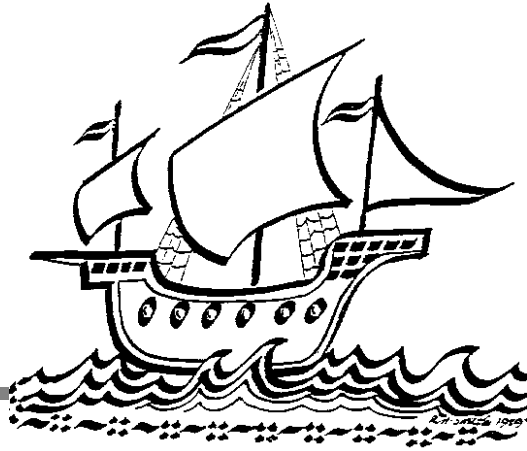


Upton Junior School



P.E.S.E.

Procedure for Entrance
into Secondary Education

Tonight's meeting



- Welcome: Families, Staff & Guests
- ❖ Mr Fowler (Dane Court)
- ❖ Mrs Liddicoat (Chatham & Clarendon House)
- Types of secondary schools
- PESE process
- Kent Test
- Secondary Common Application Form

Milestone



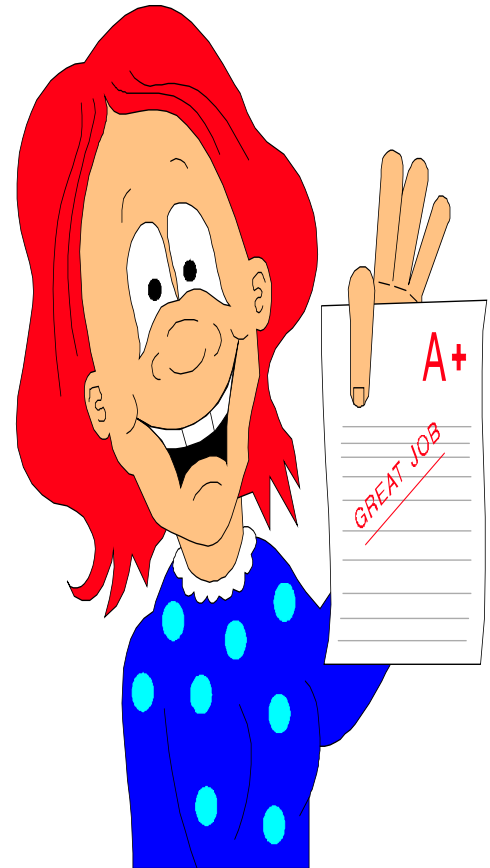
- ✓ **Leaving Primary School**
One class, different Learning Groups
Smaller environment

- ✓ **Entering Secondary School**
Lots of teachers
Different classes/groups
Large environment

The years ahead?



- ✓ Secondary Selection Process
- ✓ Key Stage 2 SATs
- ✓ Move to secondary school
- ✓ GCSEs
- ✓ A Levels / IB
- ✓ Many other qualifications
- ✓ University
- ✓ College
- ✓ Work
- ✓ Not necessarily in that order





The Curriculum



- ✓ All primary schools follow programmes of study from National Curriculum
- ✓ All secondary schools follow programmes of study from National Curriculum
- ✓ All secondary schools follow similar syllabi for GCSE but may offer a specialism

Types of schools!



- ✓ **Grammar**
- ✓ More able
- ✓ 25%
- ✓ Fast pace
- ✓ Need to keep up
- ✓ **Wide Ability**
- ✓ Mixed ability
- ✓ Most children
- ✓ Slower pace **if** necessary

Independent Schools

Special Schools

Free Schools

No Door is Shut



Similar
Opportunities

Similar
Curriculum

Grasp
opportunities



Schools in Thanet



- ✓ Grammar
- ✓ Chatham and Clarendon House
- ✓ Dane Court

- ✓ Wide Ability
- ✓ Charles Dickens
- ✓ Royal Harbour
- ✓ St. George's *†
- ✓ Hartsdown
- ✓ Ursuline * †
- ✓ King Ethelbert's
- ✓ Sandwich Tech *

* = Supp form required

Which school for my child?



- ✓ **Academic Ability: Kent Test**
- ❖ Grammar or wide ability: selection test
- ✓ Distance from home
- ❖ Travel implications
- ✓ Religious preference
- ❖ Practising Christian
- ✓ Other
- ❖ School ethos
- ❖ Clubs, activities, family connections etc

**Main
considerations**

Every school has an Admissions Criteria

The Kent Test



The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child

- How many children are selected for Grammar School each year?
- **25%** of the Year 6 children in Kent will be selected for Grammar school.
- **23%** of them are selected using the test.
- The other **2%** are selected from appeals.

- **47** pupils in our current Year 6 cohort will attend a grammar school in September.

The Kent Test: kent.gov.uk

Kent County Council



Search kent.gov.uk...



Home > Education and children > Schools > School places >

The Kent Test

If you want to apply for a year 7 place at a Kent grammar school, you can register your child for the Kent Test. The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child.

If you move to Kent after the Kent Test has taken place, or if your child has not been tested and you want to move them from their current school secondary school to a grammar school, please read our information about [moving to a different school](#).

Register



Test dates



Test paper



Results day



What your score means



Apply for grammar school



The Kent Test



Test 1:

Multiple Choice English and Maths paper
1 hour test

2 sections:

English 5 min practice + 25 min test

Maths 5 min practice + 25 min test

The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills (SPAG)

The Kent Test



Test 2:

Multiple Choice Reasoning Paper.

1 hour test

Verbal Reasoning section

Non-Verbal Reasoning includes Spatial
Non-verbal reasoning will be split into four sections, administered and timed individually.

The Kent Test



Plus: **A writing exercise**

This will not be marked but may be used by the 'Headteacher Appeal' panel to review borderline cases.

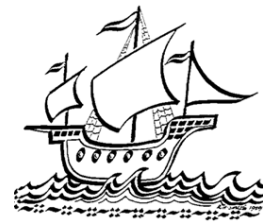
40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including **10 minutes** planning time.



Kent Test: Scoring

- 3 separate scores are given - Maths, English, Reasoning.
- These are age standardised
- They are also combined for an aggregate.
- In **2015** the thresholds were an aggregate of **320** with no single score lower than **106**.
- **M - 107, E - 108, R - 110, AG - 325 = G**
- **M - 108, E - 104, R - 109, AG - 321 = H**
- **M - 106, E - 106, R - 107, AG - 319 = H**

How is the decision made?



School receives test scores in late September.

- ✓ **Headteacher appeal if necessary**
 - Test scores
 - School work/reports
 - Writing task
 - Headteacher comments

Parents informed of decision on **13th October 2016**

Results to Families



- Results will be emailed on **13th October**
Letters will be posted.
- The email /letter will indicate suitable for **high school** or **grammar school** (H or G)

- Scores will not be given. Indications of appeals will not be given.
- This information can be obtained from Upton, after you have received the results.
- If you wish to make a parental appeal, you must wait until a school place has been allocated in March.

Application for Secondary School

- Secondary School applications must now be made in the normal way - and submitted by 31st October.



Name 4 schools

- If you received a "G" result, name grammar schools
- If you received an "H" result but intend to appeal against a high school allocation, name the grammar school you wish to appeal for as one of your 4 choices

Year 6 Parent Consultation week beg 17th Oct to support you in this.

Parental Appeals for Grammar

- School places are allocated in **March**. If a child did not achieve the threshold scores on the test, they will be allocated a high school place.

- Parents can then lodge an appeal against the allocation of the school place - based on the fact that a Grammar school place is the most suitable for the child.

- School can provide supporting letters and evidence upon request.

- Appeal panels are held in late May to June

Should my child take the test?

Making the Decision...

If in doubt, **register** for your child to take the test - can withdraw on the day.

Your child's Y5 teachers will advise you as to which type of education your child is best suited to.

Understand expectations of Grammar School -
Mr Fowler & Mrs Liddicoat: HTs Dane Court &
Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School

CAT test results and SATs levels are good indicators...**BUT** the decision is yours!

What we do:

- English & Maths lessons cover Nat Curr. Differentiated learning opportunities. Challenge tasks.
- We do not specifically 'teach' to the Kent Test, nor do we provide example papers.
- Learning Groups work ethic & expectation + Home Learning

What you can do:

- Encourage children to do their best and take on challenge every day. Evidence in their books can be very important. Effort levels, quality of learning and presentation will be key!
- Test familiarisation. Practice papers readily available to buy.
- Example questions are published at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Special Arrangements

- If you feel that your child may require specific arrangements to adequately access the test please discuss these with Y5 staff
- We can make applications for access arrangements, but these are considered and granted on a case by case basis (and cannot be guaranteed).



PESE: Kent Test

The Whole Process:

- Register for test
- Tests taken
- Scores to school
- Headteacher Appeal
- Results to families
- Apply for secondary schools
- Secondary school place allocated
- Parental Appeal can be lodged
- Appeal heard



PESE 2016: Key Dates



- Register by 1st July 2016
- Kent Test date - 8th September
- Results to families - 13th October
- Secondary application submitted by 31st October
- Secondary School places offered - 1st March 2017
- Parental Appeal to be lodged by 29th March
- Parental Appeal - May and June

The Kent Test



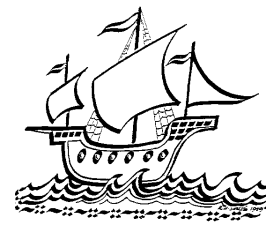
- If you want your child to sit the Kent Test - we would advise you to practise!
- If you feel your child has the ability to achieve in a Grammar School setting then prepare them for the tests they will need to take to get there!



Finally...



- ✓ All schools provide similar opportunities
- ✓ Make the most of them
- ✓ You don't need to go to grammar school to achieve high academic success
- ✓ Many routes to same destination
- ✓ Parent's decision
- ✓ Supportive family - value education!



Mr Fowler & Mrs Liddicoat



Dane Court



Chatham & Clarendon

Next Steps:

- Arrange 1:1 meeting with Y5 Teachers
- Visit Kent Admissions website: Find out more about the test
- Register for your child to take Kent Test
- Purchase practice Kent Test papers
- If further questions - come and ask!

