

# Upton Junior School



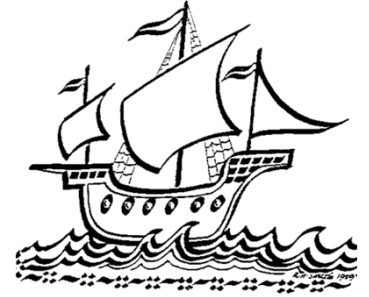
**P.E.S.E.**

Procedure for Entrance  
into Secondary Education



# Tonight's meeting

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- Types of Secondary schools
- PESE process
- PESE Tests: Kent Test
- Secondary Common Application Form



# Milestone

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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!

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- ✓ **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

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

- ✓ Wide Ability
- ✓ Charles Dickens \*Music
- ✓ Ellington & Hereson, Marlowe
- ✓ St. Georges \* †
- ✓ Hartsdown
- ✓ Ursuline \* †
- ✓ King Ethelbert's
- ✓ Sandwich Tech \*

\* = Supp form required



# Which school for my child?



## ✓ Academic Ability: Kent Test

- ❖ Grammar or wide ability

- ✓ Distance from home

- ❖ Travel implications

- ✓ Religious preference

- ❖ Practising Christian

- ✓ Other

- ❖ School ethos

- ❖ Clubs, activities, family connections etc

**Main  
considerations**

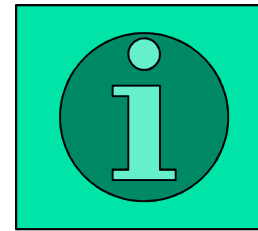
**Every school has an Admissions Criteria**

# The Kent Test



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

# The Kent Test



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Kent County Council website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>. The website header includes the Kent County Council logo and a search bar. The main content area is titled "The Kent Test" and provides information about the test, including registration details and links to download forms. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 14:47 on 09/06/2014.

Kent County Council

Menu Search kent.gov.uk...

Home > Education and children > Schools > School places > Kent Test

## 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](#)

### How to register

You can register when your child is in year 5 at primary school.

[Register online](#) **between 2 June and 1 July 2014** if your child is due to start secondary school in September 2015.

By post:

- Download a [Kent Test registration form](#) (PDF, 52.1 KB)
- call 03000 41 21 21 or email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk) to request a form

[Read our Kent Test leaflet](#) (PDF, 1.3 MB) and transfer to secondary school booklet (PDF, 1.0 MB).

Children with special educational needs



# The Kent Test

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**Test 1: Multiple choice English and Maths paper with a separate answer sheet.**

**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.



# The Kent Test

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Test 2: Multiple Choice Reasoning Paper.

1 hour test, including the practice sections and questions.

Verbal Reasoning section & then a  
Non-Verbal Reasoning section of roughly  
the same length

*Non-verbal reasoning will be split into four  
sections, administered and timed  
individually.*



# The Kent Test

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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.

# How is the decision made?



- ✓ **Based on test results**
  - Tests are marked & results are standardised.
  - Age is taken into consideration/youngest not disadvantaged
- ✓ **Assessment results to schools**
- ✓ **Headteacher appeal if necessary**
  - Test scores
  - School work/reports
  - Writing task
  - Headteacher comments

Parents informed of decision on **14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



# The Kent Test

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- If you want your child to sit the tests - we would advise you to practise!
- **Test format changed in 2014** - now in 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- 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!



# The Kent Test: Key Dates



- Register online by **1<sup>st</sup> July** if you wish for your child to sit the Kent Test (to assess suitability for grammar school place)
- If in doubt, register - 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.
- CAT test results and SATs levels are good indicators.

# Transition to Secondary School - Key Dates:



- Testing - **Practice: Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**  
**'Real' Test: Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Parents PESE meeting 6pm
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents notified of assessment results (by email)
- Complete 'Secondary Common Application Form' (SCAF) by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

# What if I disagree with the Kent Test assessment or secondary school given?

- ✓ Talk with Headteacher / Y6 staff
  - ✓ Decide to appeal or not -
  - ✓ Parental Appeal
- No appeal can take place before March





# Finally...

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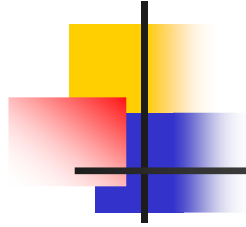


- ✓ All schools provide similar opportunities
- ✓ Make the most of them
- ✓ Bottom of the heap or top of the pile?
- ✓ You don't need to go to grammar school to achieve high academic success
- ✓ Many routes to same destination
- ✓ Parent's decision
- ✓ Supportive family

# How to make your decision?



- Parents will need to register by 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Upton teachers will advise & support you:  
Year 5 team available now
- September Parents Meeting - Choosing A Secondary School For Your Child': 14<sup>th</sup> September - **SAVE THE DATE!**
- Start planning now! You know your child better than anybody else - your decision!



# Questions?

