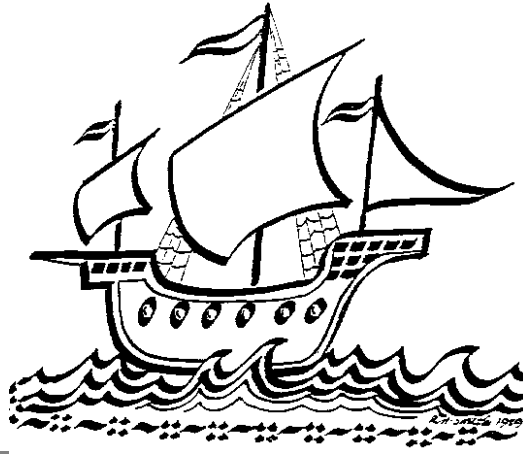


Upton Junior School

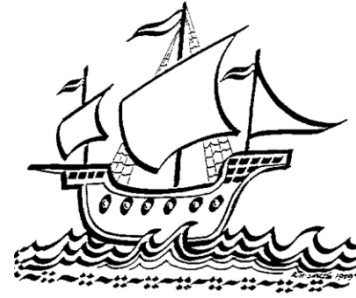


P.E.S.E.

Procedure for Entrance
into Secondary Education



Tonight's meeting



-
- School Choices for Your Child
 - PESE process
 - PESE Tests: Kent Test



Milestone



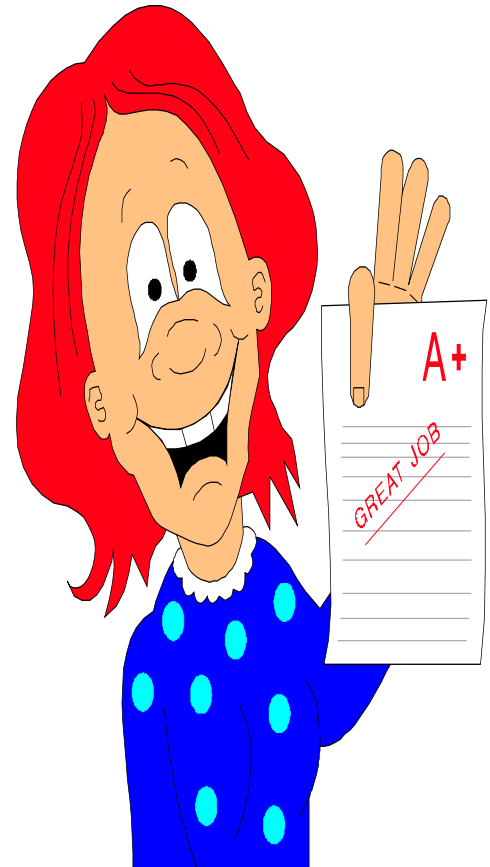
- ✓ Leaving Primary School
One class, different Learning Groups
Smaller environment

- ✓ 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



Types of schools!



- ✓ **Grammar**

- ✓ More able

- ✓ 25%

- ✓ Faster pace

- ✓ **High School**

- ✓ Mixed ability

- ✓ Most children

- ✓ Slower pace **if** necessary

- ✓ Grammar streams

Independent Schools

No Door is Shut



Similar
Opportunities

Similar
Curriculum

Grasp
opportunities





Schools in Thanet



Grammar

- ✓ Chatham and Clarendon
- ✓ Dane Court

High School

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

* = Supp form required

Which school for my child?



- ✓ Academic Ability: Kent Test
 - ❖ Grammar or High School
 - ✓ Distance from home
 - ❖ Travel implications
 - ✓ Religious preference
 - ❖ Practising Christian
 - ✓ Other
 - ❖ School ethos
 - ❖ Clubs, activities, family connections etc
- 'The right school for the right child'**

**Main
considerations**

How can I make sure we get the school we want?



- Change in Thanet – schools merging: fewer choices for parents and schools are fuller.
- Every child will be allocated a school by Kent Admissions
- Parents can put up to four preferences on their application form in September

How can I make sure we get the school we want?



- ☐ Every school has an Admissions Criteria which explains how they prioritise places. It's on their website
- ☐ If other pupils are ahead of your child on the criteria and the schools fill up then Kent allocate your child a school that is not on your preferences.
- ☐ This year 2 Upton children had places allocated to them at schools not on their application

How can I make sure we get the school we want?



You must consider how you meet the admissions criteria for the school you want your child to go to

Do you know enough about the schools yourself?

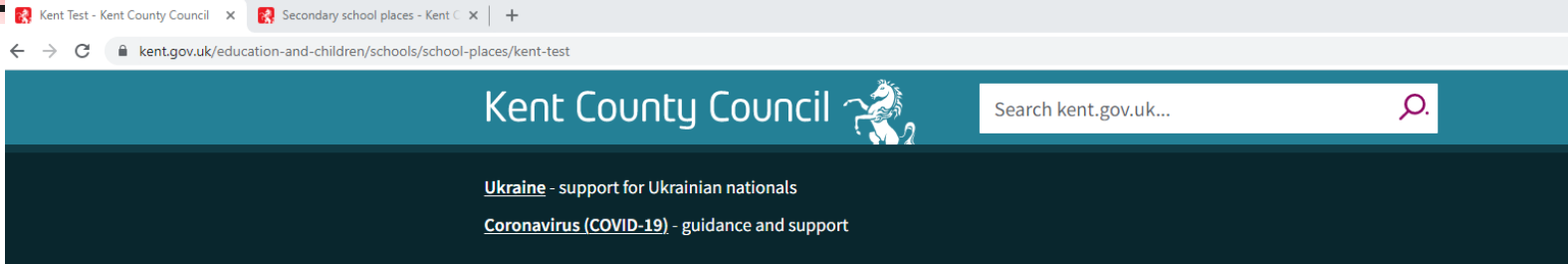
Kent Test



How many children are selected for Grammar School each year?

- **25%** of the Year 6 children in Kent will be selected for Grammar school.
- **20%** of them are selected using the test.
- The other **5 %** are selected from appeals.
- In Thanet this figure is lower - **around 14% pass the Kent Test**
- **At Upton** - about 40% of the year group pass the Kent Test.

The Kent Test



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Kent Test

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2023** opened on Wednesday 1 June 2022 and will close at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022. We cannot accept late registrations.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 8 September 2022** for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on **Saturday 10 September** for other pupils. Any reference to 'Kent Test' or 'registration' does not guarantee when or if testing will take place.

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2022 and has not taken the Kent Test, see our information about [moving to a different school](#).

[Open all](#)

Register



Test dates



Test paper





The Kent Test



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



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



Plus: **A writing exercise**

This will not be marked but may be used by the 'Headteacher Appeal' panel to review borderline cases, particularly related to any lower English Score

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 are over-riding factor
 - Internal assessments
 - Writing task
 - Headteacher comments

Parents informed of decision in **October**

Transition to Secondary School - Key Dates:



- 1st June 2022: Registration for the Kent Test opens. Parents who wish their child to take the Kent Tests can register online via www.kent.gov.uk/ola (preferred option) or via post.
- 1st July 2022: Online registration for the Kent Test closes
- Thursday 8 September 2022: Date of Kent Test
- 18th October 2022: if you provided an email address when you registered, your Kent Test result will be emailed to you after 4pm on Tuesday 18th October 2022 *Those who applied via post will find out on 19th October*

Should I put my child in for the Kent Test?



- This is **COMPLETELY** up to you as parents.
- If in doubt, register anyway - can withdraw on the day.
- Your child's Y5 teachers can advise you as to which type of education your child is best suited to if you're not sure.
- CAT test results are indicators for Reasoning particularly.

How Should we Prepare?



■ https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

- Important to understand that schools are not allowed to teach to the Kent Test.
- Children won't have done verbal or non-verbal reasoning at school in the same form
- Mathematics involves aspects that go outside of the Year 5 curriculum; English is also hard
- Some of the tests involve specific time limits that might be unfamiliar
- Multiple choice questions will be unfamiliar

How Should we Prepare?



- If you want your child to sit the tests - we would advise you to help them become familiar with the format
- 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
- Schools are not allowed to coach for the tests - the tests are standardised against cohorts who haven't been coached
- Commercially available materials are available - esp. via GL assessment who actually write the Kent paper



Special Arrangements



- If you feel your child may need some type of Special Arrangements to access the Kent Test then you need to have contacted the school by the end of June. Mrs Claxton (SENCO) is our key contact for this: camilla.claxton@uptonjunior.com
- Special arrangements in the Kent Test differ to usual schools examination arrangements: they are so that a child can **ACCESS** the test, not do better in them.
- Each case is assessed by Kent on a case-by-case basis

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...



- ✓ All schools provide similar opportunities
- ✓ How will YOUR child cope?
- ✓ You don't need to go to grammar school to achieve high academic success
- ✓ Many routes to same destination
- ✓ Parent's decision
- ✓ Supportive family



Questions?

