

Upton Junior School



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Procedure for **E**ntrance into
Secondary **E**ducation

Presentation

- ▶ **Types of secondary schools**
- ▶ **Kent Test**
- ▶ **Application to secondary school**



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



Which school is 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

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ Kent Test Day: Thursday 12th September
- ▶ kent.gov.uk/kenttest



The Kent Test

- ▶ 2 Tests- one assesses English and maths and the other is reasoning (VR/NVR)
- ▶ A writing task but this is not marked and used in the case of a Headteacher Appeal
- ▶ Familiarisation the day before



The Kent Test

- ▶ 3 separate scores and a combination-maths, English and reasoning
- ▶ Age standardised
- ▶ In 2023, the thresholds were an aggregate of 332 with no single score lower than 107.



The Kent Test

- ▶ Results will be emailed on 17th October
- ▶ The letter will indicate suitable for high school (H) or grammar school (G).
- ▶ If you wish to make a parental appeal, you must wait until a school place has been allocated.



Access Arrangements

- ▶ We can make applications for access arrangements, but these are considered and granted on a case by case basis and cannot be guaranteed.
- ▶ Applications close 12th July
- ▶ Contact Miss Claxton



Making the decision...

- ▶ If in doubt, register for your child as you can withdraw on the day.
- ▶ CATs scores
- ▶ Understanding the expectations of grammar schools



Looking ahead...

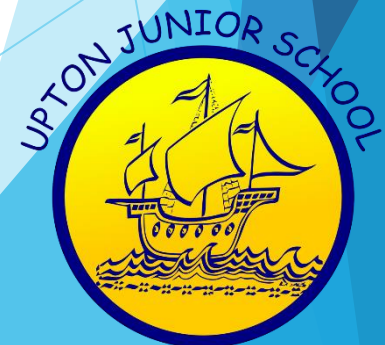
- ▶ Register for the test
- ▶ Test
- ▶ Scores to schools
- ▶ Headteacher Appeals
- ▶ Results to families
- ▶ Apply to secondary schools
- ▶ School place allocated
- ▶ Parental appeal can be lodged
- ▶ Appeal heard



Applying to secondary schools

Before applying...

- ▶ Visit school websites
- ▶ Go along to Open Days
- ▶ Look at admissions criteria and catchment areas
- ▶ Consider practicalities



Applying to secondary schools

- ▶ Apply through the website:
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
- ▶ Closes 31st October 2024
- ▶ Name up to 4 schools in order of preference
- ▶ Supplementary form for St. Georges
- ▶ Name grammar after non-selective schools if you intend to appeal



Offer Day

- ▶ In early March, you will receive one offer by email.
- ▶ Two weeks to accept or refuse
- ▶ Read the offer email carefully.



Next Steps

- ▶ Apply if you are considering the Kent Test
- ▶ Consider secondary schools in the area
- ▶ Contact us with any further questions

