

Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education

Tonight's Meeting:

- PESE test process
- Admissions process into Secondary school
- Kingswood Residential



A Milestone



Leaving Primary School

- One or two teachers
- One class
- Small environment
- School day

Entering Secondary School

- Lots of teachers
- Different classes/groups
- Large environment



The Years Ahead



Secondary Selection Process

Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

Move to secondary school

GCSEs

A Levels/IB

Many other qualifications

University

College

Work

Not necessarily in that order

School Types



Grammar:

Grammar schools and those Academies which select their intake through the 11+ assessment procedure are by definition selective schools.

- More **academically** able
- Particular talents
- 25% of the top ability range in Kent
- Fast pace



School Types



All-ability (comprehensive schools)

- Mixed ability
- Most children
- Slower pace if necessary

Special Schools

Independent Schools

No Door is shut!



Opportunity

Curriculum

Character development

Work ethic



Choices



Grammar:

Chatham and Clarendon
Grammar School
Dane Court
Sir Roger Manwood
Simon Langton girls/boys
Barton Court

High School:

Ursuline *
King Ethelbert's
Sandwich Tech
Charles Dickens
St. Georges CE*
Spires Academy

* = Supplementary Information form required (SIF)

PESE Process: Key Dates



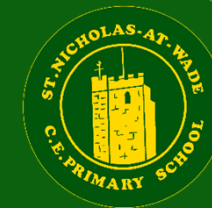
If you want to apply for a year 7 place at a Kent grammar School place for 2023, you can register your child for the Kent Test. The test assesses whether your child will be deemed suitable for entry to a grammar school.

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2024 will open on **Thursday 1 June 2023** and will close at midnight on **Monday 3 July 2023**.

The tests are due to take place on **Thursday 7 September 2023**

Kent Test result will be emailed to you after 4pm on **Wednesday 18 October 2023**

Opens June 1st



<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

School places

Primary school places

Apply for a reception year place at primary or infant school, or a year 3 place at a junior school.

Secondary school places

Apply for a year 7 school place.

Move to a different school

Apply for an in year admission to move your child to a different school within Kent or if you're moving into Kent.

Kent Test

Register your child for the Kent Test if you want to apply for a place at a Kent grammar school.

School age

Find out what age your child can start and finish school.

Choosing a school

Find out about schools you're interested in and check their admissions criteria.

Format



Feel free to look at the examples.

Paper 1

Multiple Choice English and Mathematics 30 mins each section including practice questions

Paper 2

Multiple Choice Reasoning - looks at how quickly and efficiently children solve problems.
30 mins each section:

- Verbal reasoning questions are based on words.
- Non Verbal Reasoning questions are based on numbers, patterns and sequences. (Split into 4 sections individually timed).

Format



Writing - not marked at this stage (40 mins)

This will not be marked and is not something that will affect a child's standardised score. It may be used by a local headteacher panel to review borderline cases.

Your child's scoring

Your child will get **three scores**, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning. The scores are standardised (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.

The score ranges for September 2023 will be published nearer the time.

Scoring 2022



To be given a grammar school assessment, children needed a total score of 332 or more, with no single score lower than 108. Test scores range from 69 to 141. The highest possible total score is 423.

Headteacher Appeal:

In some cases, children have been assessed suitable for grammar school via their local Head Teacher Assessment panel, with a score below the 332 total score threshold.

Children may also score higher than 332, but still be assessed as suitable for comprehensive school in cases where 1 or more of their individual scores were below 108.

Appeals



Parent Appeals

kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Talk with Mr Neal

Decide to appeal or not.

No appeal can take place before March

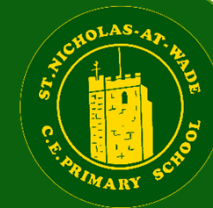
Independent appeal panel

Admissions Process into Secondary



- There will be a standard form known as a Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) **September 2023**.
- Parents will be invited to express four preferences in priority order.
- Some schools may ask parents to provide additional information on a supplementary form; this must be returned to the school you are applying to. This is not an application form; the only valid application form is the SCAF.
- The SCAF needs to be completed by **1st November 2023 (TBC)**.
- **March 2023** - all parents will be notified of the school allocated for their child.

Admissions Process into Secondary



- Many of the Thanet schools were oversubscribed last year.
- **You MUST fulfil the admissions criteria for a school in order to be offered a place.**

School	Places Available	Applications received	Places offered	LA Allocation
Charles Dickens	232	780	231	
Chatham and Clarendon	180	935	164	
Dane Court	165	924	163	
Hartsdown	180	167	178	82
King Ethelbert	150	828	158	
The Royal Harbour Academy	200	263	176	40
St George's	217	1057	217	
Ursuline	150	783	149	

- Who are, or have previously been, in care or looked after
- Siblings
- Catchment
- From a particular religion (for faith schools)
- Kent Test (for grammar

Making a decision



- Secondary school literature and websites
- Open evenings
- Visit schools
- Talk to your child about their thoughts
- Talk to other parents
- Talk to class teacher
- Look back on school reports



Useful Documents



<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/assets/Kent-Test-Leaflet-for-parents-1.pdf>

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

https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/147927/Secondary-determined-scheme-for-2024.pdf

Be the best you can be



At St Nicholas, we believe that personal development is fostered through the values that we hold so dearly 'Courage, Resilience, Honesty, Kindness and Be the best you can be', these values are truly as important to the children's future success as their academic attainment. **We refuse to allow children to be defined by exams alone and encourage them to understand that future success is rooted in their ability to work hard, face setbacks, work with others and be kind, this will allow them to develop strategies for meeting their goals and believe in themselves.**