



**Welcome to the
Kent Grammar School Tests
information meeting.**

Secondary School Places

- Just go to Kent Online Admissions
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Apply online simple, fast and secure way to apply for a secondary school place in Kent.
- Opens 9am on 1st September 2026
- Closes at midnight on 31st October 2026

So why do we need to consider this now?

The Kent Test

- Your child does not need to take the tests unless you (and they) are interested in a grammar school place.
- Unlike in the past, your child may now sit the tests and receive their results prior to applying for secondary school places.
- As a school we are here to support you through this process, but we cannot coach children for the test.

How Do I Register?

- Please see the leaflet provided
- You can register on-line or by paper copy
 - On-line registration please go to:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
 - Paper copies can be requested by: Ringing
03000 412121
 - Emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Key Dates

Registration opens: 1st June 2026

Closing date to register: 1st July 2026

- Test date: 10th September 2026
- Results emailed/posted: 15th October 2026
- SCAF closing date: 31st October 2026
- National offer day: 1st March 2027

The Test

- The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.
- 1st Test English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test.
- The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

2nd Test

- This will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

3rd Test

- There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local Headteacher panel. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Kent Test Familiarisation

- The Kent Test familiarisation booklet gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.

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

Verbal Reasoning

In these questions, the same letter must fit into both sets of brackets, to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets.

1 Example
dis [?] urt muc [?] ole
A p B h C e D s E k

The answer is **h** (the four new words are **dish**, **hurt**, **much** and **hole**) and this has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15. Now try the practice question below:

1 Practice
rea [?] ace fee [?] ost D m E l
A f B r C p

Work out the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

In these questions, there are two pairs of words.
Only one of the five possible answers will go equally well with both these pairs.

2 Example
(fall stumble) (journey outing)
A holiday B travel C drop D trip E trap

The answer is **trip**. The word 'trip' can mean losing your balance (**fall/stumble**) and also means to make a journey (**journey/outing**). This has been marked on

5 Example: Find the odd one out
In each of the rows below there are five figures. Find the figure in each row that is most unlike the other four and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

The answer is **b** because all of the shapes are divided in half with one half striped except **b** which has more than a half striped, so **b** is the odd one out. This has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15. Now try the practice question below:

5 Practice

Work out the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

Results Day

- By email: If you registered online you will be emailed your child's results after 4pm.
- Online: You can login after 5pm to view your child's results and scores online
- By post: Results will be sent out by first class post on 15th October 2026

The Results

- Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning.
- Standardisation is 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.
- To be given a grammar school assessment, children need to get a total score of 332 or more, with no single score lower than 108. This score can vary each year.

Results Day

- If they are not deemed suitable for grammar school, please use this language with them and celebrate their achievement in taking the test
- If your child goes through via a Headteacher appeal they were deemed suitable for grammar with more thorough examination. So this is the same as passing the test

Headteacher Appeals

- On occasions the school may decide to appeal for your child if they did not reach the threshold
- Appeals will be only made if:
 - we feel your child is suited to grammar school
 - their marks are not really low unless specific circumstances



Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

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