

Secondary schools
2018

Which secondary school?

- Think about your child
- Look at websites
- Check Ofsted parent view & talk to parents
- Look at results over last few years
- Look around schools – open days and open evenings
- Check transport from home to school

Important Dates

- **May – October 2017** – Check open evenings/open days
- **June 1 – July 3** - Register your child for Kent test. For Dover/Shepway test register directly at the school
- **Thursday, September 7** – Kent test in school
- **Saturday, September 9** – Dover/Shepway test
- **Thursday, October 12** – Kent test results (by email)
- **September – October 31** – Complete Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

The Kent Test

- You must register your child if you would like them to sit the Kent test
- Register online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Any difficulties registering, ring secondary admissions 03000 41 21 21
- Register between 1 June and 3 July 2017

The Kent Test

- English & Maths Test (60 minutes)
- Reasoning Test (60 minutes)
- Writing (40 minutes)

Understanding the test

- On KCC website - Click on School Places, go to The Kent Test, click on Test paper. There is a familiarisation booklet to show you the type of questions in each section.

CAT4 tests and what they mean

- 4 sections to the test
- 1 = Verbal (words), 2 = Quantitative (numbers), 3 = Non-verbal (shapes) & 4 = spatial (shape & space)
- Each section is scored - 100 is average
- 114+ = top 20%

Optional meeting to discuss options

- Mrs Higgins & Mrs Gooderham are available on Wednesday June 7th 2017 to discuss the CAT4 test results and your child's recent progress.
- Please sign up in the office (as for parents' evenings)

What happens after the test?

- Test scores back to school
- If a pupil, who we feel is of grammar school ability, underperforms in test we will prepare for Headteacher Appeals
- Headteacher appeals – writing completed in Kent test is looked at along with children's books
- Results by email October 12th, by post October 13th
- Complete SCAF by October 31st

SCAF

- 4 preferences (A child who gets a grammar school assessment is not guaranteed a grammar school place. Schools set their own oversubscription criteria – look at school website.)
- Complete all forms – look at website (e.g. St Anselm's)
- Better to use all the preferences as naming fewer than 4 schools will not improve a child's eligibility for admission to any of them. You may be offered a school by default.
- National Offer Day is March 1st
- Instructions on how to appeal is sent out with letter of offer.