



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2025 ENTRY

Important Dates

- **Now** – check open evenings/open days
- **June 3rd – July 1st** - Register your child for the Kent Test (don't forget to click on submit at the end!) For Dover/Shepway test register directly at the school
- **September 12th** – Kent test in school
- **September 14th** – Dover/Shepway test
- **October 17th** - Kent test results (by email)
- **September 2nd – October 31st** - Complete Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL

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

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) is used to express your specific school preferences (up to 4 schools) for your child**
- **Complete the SCAF form online:**
- **<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>**

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.)**
- **It is 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.**

- **The schools you list need to be ranked in order of your preference**
- **The SCAF allows you to give reasons for each preference (siblings etc)**

DON'T FORGET TO ...

- **Check you have completed any supplementary forms for the school (e.g. St Anselm's) or application for banding tests (e.g. Canterbury Academy)**
- **Information about these will be on the school's website.**

FINDING OUT WHICH SCHOOL MY CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED

- National Offer Day: **March 3rd 2025**
 - Deadline for lodging an appeal – **March 31st 2025**
- Instructions on how to appeal is sent out with letter of offer.**

THE KENT TEST

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- You must register your child if you would like them to sit the Kent test
- Register online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Register between June 3rd and July 1st 2024

WHAT DOES THE KENT TEST LOOK LIKE?

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

ENGLISH AND MATHS TEST

- **Takes 1 hour to complete. Each subject has a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test**
- **The English section involves a reading comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions to test literacy skills (such as spelling and grammar)**
- **The maths section includes questions from a range of mathematical areas and generally increases in complexity and difficulty as the paper progresses**

CHILDREN RECORD THEIR ANSWERS IN A BOOKLET

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EXAMPLE	PRACTICE
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b <input type="checkbox"/>	b <input type="checkbox"/>
c <input type="checkbox"/>	c <input type="checkbox"/>
d <input type="checkbox"/>	d <input type="checkbox"/>
e <input type="checkbox"/>	e <input type="checkbox"/>

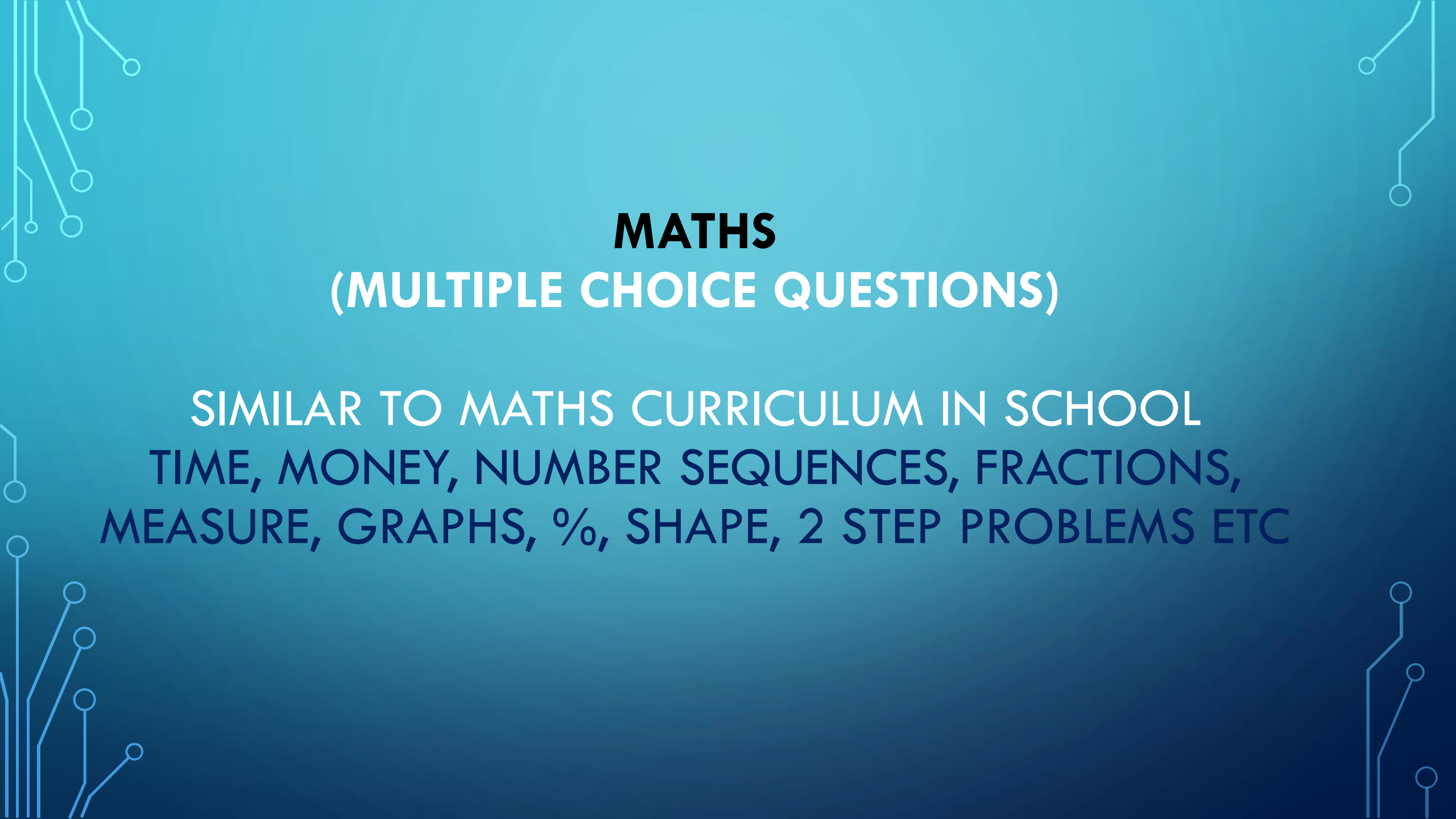
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EXAMPLE	PRACTICE
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travel <input type="checkbox"/>	tidy <input type="checkbox"/>
drop <input type="checkbox"/>	deal <input type="checkbox"/>
trip <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sort <input type="checkbox"/>
trap <input type="checkbox"/>	style <input type="checkbox"/>

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ENGLISH READING

(MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)

**CHILDREN NEED A WIDE VOCABULARY AND TO BE
ABLE TO READ AT SPEED**

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MATHS

(MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)

**SIMILAR TO MATHS CURRICULUM IN SCHOOL
TIME, MONEY, NUMBER SEQUENCES, FRACTIONS,
MEASURE, GRAPHS, %, SHAPE, 2 STEP PROBLEMS ETC**

WRITING – 40 MINUTES

A NUMBER OF BROAD TITLES ARE PRESENTED AND YOUR CHILD MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THEM TO COMPOSE A PIECE OF WRITING

THIS WRITTEN TASK WILL NOT BE MARKED BUT MAY BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN BORDERLINE CASES

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 Head Teacher Appeals
- Head Teacher appeals – writing completed in Kent test is looked at along with children's books
- Results by email October 17th
- Complete SCAF by October 31st

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**

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

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH THE KENT TEST

- The test changes slightly every year but children would benefit from some familiarisation either through practice books or online resources such as **BOFA11+.com** and **Bond Online**
- **GL Assessment 11+** booklets are available for all areas of the test (also **Bond, CGP**)

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**
- **112 is above average (114+ = top 20%)**