

Secondary Transfer

Year 5 Meeting

May 2026

Choosing a secondary school

- Schools will offer various open days/evenings usually in September/October but some are earlier.
- Select a limited number to visit with your child.
- Get a 'feel' for the school – can you speak to the pupils? What is the ethos? What subjects are offered at examination level? What do they say about their school?
- If your child has SEND, you may want to look at what provisions they have in place and speak to the school SENCo if you can

The Process

Selecting the right school for your child - Online form: [pick 4](#) in order of preference

For non-selective schools, children do not need to take the Kent Test

If you want your child to be considered for a grammar school, they must sit the Kent Test.

Medway Council and Bexley Council have their own selection tests. Folkestone Girls School/the Harvey Grammar School also have their own test called the Shepway Test.

[Registration for the Shepway Test 2026, for admission to the school in September 2027, will open on June 1st 2026.](#) This is a computer based test held in person at the Harvey school or Folkestone Girls school plus a 30 minute writing exercise. There are familiarisation materials online.

Our feeder schools where our pupils have gone

- The North
- The Towers
- John Wallis
- Highworth - **Grammar**
- Norton Knatch - **Grammar**
- Homewood
- Wye Free School
- Brockhill
- Chilmington

How do I decide if my child should take the Kent Test?

- Grammar schools provide for children in the top 20% of ability range.
- Look at your child's academic achievement in school. Will they cope with the demands of a grammar school?
- At school we are always available to speak to you regarding your child's current levels.

We can only advise on the above factors. You know your child best - it is your decision whether to register your child.

The Kent Test process /Registration:

Online Registration for the Kent Test open on **Monday 1st June 2026** and closes on **Wednesday 1st July 2026**

Late registrations will not be accepted

On **Thursday 10th September 2026** children who are registered will complete the tests in school.

Results will be emailed **after 4pm on Thursday 15th October 2026.**

If you did not provide an email address, your child's results will be posted to you by first class post

The Test Papers:



- English and Maths paper – 1 hour
- Reasoning paper which includes verbal and non-verbal questions – 1 hour
- Writing exercise – 40 mins

Tests are multiple choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.

We are not allowed to coach children.

Free range of familiarization tests at:

<https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-materials/>

Results -

Your child will get 3 standardised scores, one for English, one for maths and one for reasoning, and a total aggregate score.

Last year, to pass, children needed a total score 332 and no single score lower than 108.

Those close to this score may be referred to the Head teacher Assessment panel in October. This will happen before you know the results.

Thresholds change slightly each year.

Familiarisation papers from Kent

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



Various good book shops or Amazon sell practice type books with similar style questions if you wish to purchase these.

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Important Dates

- Monday 1st June 2026 - Online registration for Kent Test opens
- **Wednesday 1st July 2026** – deadline for registering your child for the Kent Test closes. Any application after this date will not be processed and your child will not be allowed to sit the Test in September
- Tuesday 1st September 2026 – application for secondary transfer opens
- Thursday 10th September 2026 – Kent Test date
- Thursday 15th October 2026 - Kent Test Assessment decision sent to parents
- **Monday 2nd November 2026** – Closing date for secondary applications
- Monday 2st March 2027 – National offer day (emails sent after 4pm)
- **Tuesday 13th April 2027** – Deadline for lodging appeals

When the Secondary School applications open in September...

If you do not wish to send your child to grammar school, and do not wish for your child to sit the Kent Test, you do not need to do anything until September apart from thinking about which school you may wish to send your child to.

On **September 1st** the applications for secondary schools open and this closes on the **2nd November**.

When this opens in September, it is recommended that you put a choice of school in all 4 options. If a secondary school is oversubscribed, your child may not get a place in first choice. Then they will only get a place for the second choice if there is still space available following all the first choice places given. The same for third and fourth choice. Otherwise the Local Authority will place your child in any other school.

If your child is sitting the Kent Test, it is advisable to wait until the results of the Kent Test (15th October) before completing the Secondary School application form. If your child has not passed but you are considering appeal, you can place the grammar school as anyone of your four options and this enables you to appeal. You **MUST** have the grammar school as one of your options to be able to appeal.