

Admission to Secondary Schools in Kent 2024

Meeting

PESE – Procedures for Entry to Secondary Education

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

PESE 2024

- ▶ First, do your research, then choose four schools.
- ▶ Read their selection criteria.
- ▶ Ask “What are my chances?”



Secondary Schools

Grammar Schools

- ▶ Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School
- ▶ Dane Court Grammar School
- ▶ Sir Roger Manwoods Grammar School

High Schools

- ▶ The Royal Harbour Academy
- ▶ King Ethelberts
- ▶ The Charles Dickens School
- ▶ St George's C of E
- ▶ Hartsdown Academy
- ▶ Sandwich Technology School
- ▶ Ursuline College

Open Sessions

You will have been given a list of all the open sessions at our local secondary schools.

Important to visit a range of schools and ask questions

- will my child be happy?
- will they meet my child's needs?
- what extras do they offer?
- don't listen to hearsay.

Grammar Schools

- ▶ If your child took the Kent Test last week you will be informed of the results on Wednesday 18th October - before you make your final choice. If your child achieved a selective place put the Grammar schools in order of preference. We recommend putting two grammar schools.
- ▶ If your child **did not** receive a selective place and you wish them to be considered by an appeals panel put the Grammar school/s that you wish to appeal to on the SCAF form.



Application Forms

- ▶ This year, as in previous years, applications will be done online
- ▶ <https://www.kent.gov.uk/ola>
- ▶ You can log on and make changes at any time but remember to re-submit the revised application
- ▶ If you would like to apply online and would like support or do not have access to a computer at home, please contact the school office and we will help.

Common Application Form

- ▶ The School Common Application Form, or SCAF must be completed by **Tuesday 31st October AT THE LATEST online.**
- ▶ If your application is late then your child will go to the bottom of the County list.

Kent Test Results

- ▶ PESE tests took place last week and Parents will receive their children's results online on **Wednesday 18th October 2023 (after 4pm)** or receive a letter the next day
- ▶ Only children registered for the test will receive the results

Allocations



- ▶ National Offer day – **Friday 1st March 2024** an email will be sent to you after 4:00pm telling you which school you have been offered.
- ▶ You can also [log in](#) to view your offer online on Friday 1st March 2024.
- ▶ Offer emails will be sent to the email address provided on your application.
- ▶ You must accept or decline the school place you've been offered by Friday **15th March 2024**

Appeals

- ▶ Parents have the right to request reallocation for schools listed higher than the school which has been allocated.
- ▶ If you were unsuccessful in your choice of school the arrangements for appealing for a place at the school of your choice will be included with the letter you receive.
- ▶ Appeals must be received at County applications by Thursday 28th March 2024.
- ▶ Each oversubscribed school will also keep a waiting list where children will be placed in order according to the school's oversubscription criteria.
- ▶ Let the school know you have accepted the place.

Waiting List

Appeal process

Key Dates for Year 6

- ▶ **18/10/23** Kent Test results sent and emailed to Parents
- ▶ **31/10/23** Secondary School (online) applications to be completed
- ▶ **01/03/24** Allocations sent to parents via e-mail, letters posted first class to arrive on 3rd March
- ▶ **15/03/24** Let the school you have been offered know whether you are accepting the place
- ▶ **28/3/24** - Any appeals should be made by this date
- ▶ **April – June 2024** Appeals heard
- ▶ **Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024** – Key Stage 2 SATS tests.