

Admission to Secondary Schools in Kent 2027

Meeting

PESE – Procedures for Entry to Secondary Education

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

PESE 2027

- ▶ First, do your research.
- ▶ Read their admissions criteria.
- ▶ Consider the school's location.
- ▶ Ask “What are my chances?”
- ▶ Look at the school websites.
- ▶ Look at the Kent website.



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
- ▶ Herne Bay High

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 with your child and ask questions

- Will my child be happy?
- How will my child travel to school?
- Will they meet my child's needs?
- What extras do they offer?
- Don't listen to hearsay.
- Read the school's Ofsted reports.

Grammar Schools

- ▶ If your child took the Kent Test last week you will be informed of the results on Thursday 15th 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 **Monday 2nd November AT THE LATEST online.**
- ▶ If your application is late then your child will go to the bottom of the County list.
- ▶ You can apply for up to 4 schools:
- ▶ Put the schools in your order of preference.
- ▶ It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.
- ▶ Some schools may need you to complete an additional form called a Supplementary Information Form (SIF).
- ▶ Contact the school(s) to obtain the form(s) or these are available on school websites, and once completed return the form directly to them.

Kent Test Results

- ▶ The Kent Test took place last week. Parents will receive their child's results online on **Thursday 15th October 2026 (after 4pm)** or receive a letter the next day.
- ▶ Only children registered for the test will receive the results.
- ▶ Ensure that you visit the different grammar schools to support your choice making.

Allocations



- ▶ National Offer day – Monday 1st March 2027 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 Monday 1st March 2027.
- ▶ 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 Monday 15th March 2027. All information that you needed is given in the email sent.
- ▶ Your child is also placed on school waiting lists if they didn't get their first choice chosen school. (These are the ones above the school offered on your application).

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.
- ▶ You can only appeal for the schools that you applied to on your form.
- ▶ Appeals must be received at County applications by 13th April 2027.
- ▶ Do talk to us, to support you.

Key Dates for Year 6

- ▶ **15/10/26** Kent Test results sent and emailed to Parents.
- ▶ **02/11/26** Secondary School (online) applications to be completed.
- ▶ **01/03/27** Allocations sent to parents via e-mail, letters posted first class to arrive on 3rd March.
- ▶ **15/03/27** Let the school you have been offered know whether you are accepting the place.
- ▶ **13/4/27** - Any appeals should be made by this date.
- ▶ **April – June 2027** Appeals heard.
- ▶ **Monday 10th – Thursday 13th May 2027** – Key Stage 2 SATS tests.