

Kent Secondary School Transition

Secondary Transfer 2018/19

*This presentation will be available on our school website
Mereworth.kent.sch.uk*



Key Dates for Parents

- 11+ test registration opens **1 June 2018**
 - **11+ test registration closes 2 July 2018**
 - Test for pupils at Kent Schools **6 September**
 - Results sent to parents on **11 October**
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- If you registered online your results will be sent to you on 11 October 2018 after 4pm.
 - You can also log in to view your child's Kent Test results. If you need to reset your password you must use the email address you registered with.
 - If you registered via paper application we posted your Kent Test result from 11 October 2018 via first class post. If you wish to know your child's test scores and you did not register online you should contact your primary school direct from 12 October 2018.

Appeals

- Kent will still allow for a 'Headteacher Appeal' if a child is not successful in the Kent Test but was expected to be.
- We will only appeal for a child if we believe this to be the case and if we have sufficiently strong evidence to support such an appeal.
- If a child is awarded a school that they are not happy with, parents are able to appeal for a place at their preferred school. All information to help with this will be sent out with the offer letter on 1st March.

Test Papers

- The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.
- The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.
- The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.
- There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Scores

Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning.

- Standardisation is a statistical process which compares your child's performance with the average performance of other children in each test. A slight adjustment is made to take into account each child's age so that the youngest are not at a disadvantage.

Grammar school threshold for 2017

- To be given a grammar school assessment, children needed to get a total score of 320 or more, with no single score lower than 106. The lowest possible score was 69 and the highest was 141 on each test. The highest possible total score was 423.
- If the child did not reach this threshold score and their primary school referred their case to the local Head Teacher Assessment panel, their written piece would have been looked at. The panel would also have looked at their achievement in school and examples of their work before a final decision was made.

Applying for a Grammar School

- If your child took the test and was assessed as suitable for grammar school, any Kent grammar school you apply for will consider your application. However, this does not guarantee your child will be offered a place. If more children qualify for places than it has spaces for, the school will use its admissions criteria to decide which children to offer places to. If you are not offered a place at a grammar school because it is full you can put your child's name on the school's waiting list. You can also appeal to explain why you think the school should admit your child even though it is full.
- If your child was not tested or was not assessed as suitable for a Kent grammar school, you can still apply for a Kent grammar school but it will turn down your application. You will then have the right to appeal to explain why you think grammar school is a suitable option for your child.

What can you do?

- Visit secondary schools as early as possible with your child so that they can start to consider their options. Secondary schools will advertise details about admissions on their websites as well as details of open afternoons/evenings. It is worth familiarising yourself with the websites of schools you think may be on your short-list.
- Get a “feel” for the environment and ethos of each school and involve your child in the decision-making process.
- Consider travel arrangements.
- Try to avoid your child feeling the pressure. They will have enough to worry about with the move to a new school.
- Remember that we are here to help.

Contacts

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(Kent online Admission applications)

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