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Dear Parents and Carers,

I writing with details of the Kent Test which is scheduled for Thursday 12th September 2024. If you did not register by 1st July, your child will not take the test.

Registration and full details are online here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places/kent-test>

What do the Tests consist of?

- English and Maths paper – 60 minutes. English is first and tests comprehension skills as well as literacy skills. (Multiple choice)
- Reasoning paper – roughly 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 nonverbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually. (Multiple Choice)
- Written exercise – 40 minutes. This will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher appeals stage of the process.

Scoring:

Papers are sent away and marked by an automated machine. Test scores are generated – Maths, English & Reasoning and these are age standardised and totalled producing 4 separate scores. In 2023, to be judged as suitable for grammar, children needed to score at least 108 in each of the three tests and have an aggregate score of 332.

Scores and Headteacher Appeals:

- The school receives scores in late September. Based on those scores and our knowledge of children we will raise Head Teacher appeals for children who have not achieved thresholds but who we believe are of 'selective ability'.
- Scores will have to be close to the thresholds to be considered for an appeal (particularly in English)
- Class teachers prepare children's books; highlighting key evidence as proof of their suitability for a grammar school place.
- We will prepare a supporting document, outlining other key information; evidencing why a grammar school place should be allocated. Mr Marston will work closely with Miss Debling to prepare all of our evidence for the appeal. This evidence is taken along to appeal panels.
- Head teachers from schools across Kent sit in small groups and consider the evidence provided by schools. They make a decision whether the evidence provided by the school demonstrates that a child is suitable for a grammar school place. These decisions are then final.
- The results of the panels are sent back to the school about a week later.

Results to Families:

- After the panels, results will be emailed to parents on 17th October after 4pm
- Letters will be sent on the same day



- The result will indicate 'suitable for high school or grammar school (H or G)' and you will be able to log in to access scores. No indication of whether an appeal was raised will be given (but if you have scores below threshold and a Grammar decision, this means an appeal was successfully raised).

Applications to Secondary Schools:

No matter the result of the test, you should then submit an application to Secondary schools in the normal way (by 31st October 2024) School places are allocated in March 2025. If your child was not successful in being assessed as suitable for grammar through the test, you may then raise a parental appeal against the allocation of a high school place.

If you need any more information, whether that be about the Kent Test, the process or the application for Secondary schools procedure, then I am more than happy to help. If the procedure is not followed correctly, children can end up without a school in September 2025 and in limbo for a prolonged amount of time. This is quite a common occurrence so seek advice/support, if needed.

On the day of the Kent Test, all Year 6 children are invited to Breakfast Club, free of charge. Children are also allowed to bring in a small snack for breacktime and a mascot, if they have a lucky teddy or charm!

Kind regards

Mr C.Marston

Head of School