

YEAR 5

PESE AND KENT TEST

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

2019/2020

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2019



WHAT IS PESE?

- The Kent Tests or the Procedure for the Entry into Secondary School (PESE) are historically known as the 11+ tests
- 25% of the Year 6 children in Kent will be selected for Grammar school. 23% of them are selected using the test. The other 2% are selected from appeals
- To be offered and gain a place at Grammar School, pupils must have successfully passed the Kent PESE Test (11+).
- Your child does not need to take the tests unless you are interested in a grammar school place.

WHAT TO DO?

- For child to opt into PESE assessment the decision is purely a parental one.
- You need to decide whether or not you wish your child to be assessed for Grammar School education.
- If you feel that a Grammar School would suit your child you then you must send/e-mail the registration form by **Wednesday 3 July 2019.**
- No form by that date will mean that your child will not be able to sit the tests! However, you can drop out if you wish.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER?

- Pupils must be registered to take the test.
- Register between **the 3rd June 2019 and the 3rd July 2019.**
- Hard copies of the registration form are available but electronic registration is strongly recommended by KCC
- Pupils taught in Kent schools will sit the Tests internally on **Thursday 12th September 2019.**
- Results will be e-mailed **by 4pm on 17th October 2019** (or sent by post on this day).

KEY DATES

Closing date to register: Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Kent Test date: Thursday 12th September 2019

Results emailed/ posted: Thursday 17th October 2019

Secondary school admissions closing date: Thursday 31st October 2019

National Offer Day : Monday 2nd March 2020(emails after 4pm)

Deadline for lodging appeals: Friday 27th March 2020

THE KENT TEST

- Pupils do not take separate practice papers. Example questions are included in the tests themselves.
- There will be two main tests, one assessing reasoning ability and one assessing pupils' attainment in English and Maths.
- All tests will be multiple choice and will be standardised against the performance of a national sample.
- All candidates will complete a writing task . This will be unmarked but available to local headteacher panels.
- The tests will be completed in one day

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

English and Maths

- English and Maths paper 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.

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Reasoning

- The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions.
- It contains a verbal and non-verbal reasoning section, each of a similar length.
- Verbal: examples could be relating to words (pairing meanings) and spatial.
- Non-verbal: examples could be patterns, odd one out,
- The non-verbal section will be split into short parts, administered and timed individually.

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Writing

- 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, with 10 minutes for planning.
- This should be viewed by the candidate as a key element of the assessments.
- The quality of a child's writing is view as a key factor when the Headteacher panel assess a child's suitability to Grammar School.

FAMILIARISATION BOOKLET

- This Kent Test booklet gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the different questions asked.
- https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

THE RESULTS

- Your child will get three standardised scores: 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning. The scores will compare your children's performance with the average performance of other children in each test.
- In 2018 the 'pass' mark was an aggregated score of 320 or more, with no single score lower than 106.
- A similar method of scoring will take place this year with scores but the grammar school threshold will change each year slightly.
- For entry into some schools it isn't enough 'just to pass' but there is a need to achieve higher marks. For example: MGS (Maidstone Grammar School for Boys) – 'half a mark between pass mark and maximum mark- 371 (2017)

HEADTEACHER APPEALS

- Schools receive the Kent Test results in late September.
- On occasions the school might decide to appeal for your child if they did not meet the threshold.
- Appeals will only be made if we feel that your child is suited to grammar school and the quality of their school work reflects this. Also test marks would need to be very close to the threshold unless there are specific circumstances.
- If an appeal is made, it is referred to the local Headteacher panel.
- The information provided is their written piece during the Kent test; all summer term Y5 work and current Y6 work; and a Headteacher statement.
- From the email that you receive you will not know if your child has been appealed for.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

- If your child took the test and was successfully grammar school assessed, a grammar school will consider your application. However, this does not guarantee your child will be offered a place. (This is not usually an issue with the Maidstone grammar schools)
- If your child was not successfully grammar school assessed, the grammar school will turn down your application, and you'll be offered a different school. You have the right to appeal to explain why you think grammar school is a suitable option for your child. You can not go on the waiting list for a grammar school if your child didn't pass the test.
- You can only appeal to schools that are listed on your application form.

TEST PREPARATION

Encourage children to do their best and take on challenge every day. Evidence in their books can be very important. Effort levels, quality of learning and presentation will be key

Test familiarisation. Booklets are available from WH Smith/Waterstones

Reading a variety of genres / exposure to a range of vocabulary

Getting enough sleep

Not pressurising your child

We are not allowed to 'teach to the test', provide example papers or run 11+ revision clubs. However, if you wish your child to sit the Kent Test, we recommend you practise!



USEFUL CONTACTS

- www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places/kent-test
- Secondary Admissions Team – 03000 412121
- kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk
- Kent Test Familiarisation Booklet

If you feel that your child may require specific arrangements to access the test please discuss these with Mrs Collins (SENCO). We can make applications for access arrangements, but these are considered and granted on a case by case basis (and cannot be guaranteed)



FINALLY

- All schools provide similar opportunities. It is up to your child to make the most of them.
- You don't need to go to grammar school to achieve high academic success
- All secondary schools follow the same programme of study from National Curriculum and enter pupils in the same examinations
- There are many routes to the same destination
- Show your child that you value their education, whether at grammar or not



ANY QUESTIONS?

- If you would like a further meeting to discuss the Kent test, please book in with either Miss Walker and/ or Mrs Lomax.
- This presentation will be uploaded to the class pages on the school website after this meeting.