

Secondary School Transfer

22nd May, 2018

What is the Kent Selection Test (11+)?

**1. Maths & Literacy
(multiple choice)**

**2. Verbal Reasoning & Non-verbal reasoning
(multiple choice)**

**3. Writing - not marked, only looked at if candidate
is referred to the HT appeal panel.**

Your Options

KENT - Secondary School system comprising of:

Comprehensives/Academies – Open to pupils of all academic abilities, have own admissions criteria.

Grammar Schools – Academically selective (11+), have own admissions criteria.

- **Children in local authority care**
- **Sibling links**
- **Distance**
- **Medical / disability needs**
- **Pupils who qualify for the Pupil Premium Funding**
- **Entrance Score**

Making the right choice for your child

- Visit as many schools as you can.
- Look at their websites.
- Look out for transition events and open days.
- Visits will be counted as authorised absences.

Maths Test

Practice questions (5 mins)

30 questions in 25 minutes.

All areas of Maths covered.

Lots of information.

Multiple choice.

Logic and speed are essential.

English Test

Practice questions (5 mins)

2, A4 sides of text to read.

12 multi choice questions.

Focus on understanding of vocabulary and content.

Sentence completion (choose correct word)

Spelling (identify the mistake)

25 minutes

What are Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Tests?

Non-verbal reasoning questions (NVR)

- **Ability to work out problems.**
- **Similarities in sequences of shapes or codes.**

To be successful in a non-verbal reasoning test a child will need to:

- **Be able to see how objects relate to each other**
- **Apply logical deduction skills**
- **Understand maths concepts such as symmetry and rotation**

What are Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Tests?

Verbal Reasoning questions (VR)

- **Assesses a child's verbal skills in the widest sense - above and beyond their formal literacy ability.**
- **Identify patterns, similarity and difference between words.**
- **Demonstrate their understanding of the rules and meaning of language in different contexts.**

Both VR and NVR give information that is an indication of a child's academic potential.

Writing Test

Range of titles for pupils to choose from.

45 minutes to write.

**Only looked at / marked if the child is
borderline or goes to HT appeal.**

What do your child's results mean in the context of Kent 11+ selection tests?

3 scores – English, Maths, Reasoning

The score for a successful assessment is different every year.

A standardised score of 100 represents an average performance for a child of a given age, with the lowest standardised score normally around 70 and the highest around 140.

2016 & 17 Threshold scores:

No single score lower than 106 (141 highest)

Combined score of no less than 320

The Role of the School

Your decision.

Can give you information to help guide the decision making process.

Are not allowed to practice (WHSmith).

Support appeals linked to choice of school (not against test result).

When you receive the Result....

- **Cannot appeal the decision regarding the result of the Kent Test.**
- **Make school selection (CAF) – put all 4 choices down.**
- **KCC will allocate your child a school place.**
- **Can appeal the school place – have to name a Grammar School on the form if you are going to appeal for your child to go.**

Things to Consider

- **Is your child suitable for Grammar School? (Not just the academic ability, but the aptitude and attitude)**
- **Current Year 5 scores for Non-Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning.**
- **Visit the schools.**
- **Complete all 4 choices.**

You know your child! Is a Grammar School the best place for them? They will be going every day for 7 years!

Important Dates

- Registration for taking the tests: 1st June 2018 until 2nd July 2018 (www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- Test date 6th September 2018
- Informed of assessment decision 11th October 2018 (email) or 12th Oct by post.
- Completion Common Application Form (CAF) deadline **31st Oct 2018.**
- Schools allocated 1st March 2019 (email) or 2nd by post.

Where to Get Help

- Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Seymour or Mr Glazier
- You can email the Kent Admissions Team on:
kentadmissions@kent.gov.uk
- Kent secondary admissions team on
03000 41 21 21
- KCC website <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>
- **Print form at:**
www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Thank you for attending.
Any questions?