



OFFHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5

**Kent Test
Presentation**

Wednesday 7th June 2017

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE KENT TEST AND THE SATS?

Kent test

- Non-compulsory
- Selection test to determine eligibility for grammar
- LA schools forbidden from preparing children for the test
- Strict administration guidelines
- Test of raw academic ability

SATs

- Compulsory for all LA educated children in year 6
- Provides information for secondary schools to ensure children are effectively supported in lessons and sufficiently challenged.
- Test of what children have learnt during their time at primary school
- School is able to support children in different ways for different tests to ensure children demonstrate their full potential.

When Can I Register?

Applications opened on the 1st June 2017 and close on the 3rd July 2017 (midnight).

How Do I Register?

- You can register online or by paper copy
- On-line registration please go to:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Paper copies can be requested by:
Ringing 03000412121
Emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk
On-line www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Key Dates

- Closing date to register: 3rd July 2017
- Test date: 7th September 2017
- Results emailed/posted: 12th October 2017
- SCAF closing date: 31st October 2017 (online or on paper)
- National offer day: 1st March 2018
- Accept/decline places: 16th March 2018

THE TEST

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

1st Test

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 TEST

2nd Test

This 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.

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There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local Headteacher panel. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

The Kent Test familiarisation booklet gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.

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

RESULTS DAY

- By email: If you registered online you will be emailed your child's results after 4pm.
- Online: You can login after 5pm to view your child's results and scores online.
- By post: Results will be sent out by first class post on 12 October 2017
- From school: Test scores are available from 13 October 2017. (envelope will be in school awaiting for you that morning)

THE RESULTS

- 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.
- The score ranges for 2017 will be published later this year.

Grammar school threshold 2015

- To be given a grammar school assessment, children need to get a total score of 320 or more, with no single score lower than 106.

RESULTS DAY

- If you share the scores with your child please ensure they do not share with others
- If they are not deemed suitable for grammar school, please use this language with them and celebrate their achievement in taking the test
- If your child goes through via a Headteacher appeal they were deemed suitable for grammar with more thorough examination.

HEADTEACHER APPEALS

- On occasions the school may decide to appeal for your child if they did not reach the threshold
- Appeals will be only made if:
 - we feel your child is suited to grammar school
 - their marks are not really low unless specific circumstances
- If an appeal is made it is referred to the local Head Teacher Assessment panel.

HEADTEACHER APPEALS

- The information provided is:
 - their written piece during the Kent Test
 - evidence from summer term Y5 work and their current Year 6 work
 - Headteacher statement

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. If more children qualify for places than the number of places available, the school will use its admissions criteria to decide which children to offer places to. If you are not offered a place at a preferred grammar school you can appeal to explain why you think that school is a suitable option for your child. You can only go on the waiting list for schools that you applied to.

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 you child didn't pass the test.

Test Preparation

There is useful information on the following website:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test

Familiarisation Booklet

Booklets from WH Smith/Waterstones

Reading a variety of genres

Getting enough sleep

Not pressurising your child

ANY QUESTIONS?

