



W e l c o m e

There are three main opportunities for children at the end of Year 6, each with different admissions criterion:

1. **Non-selective State Schools**
2. **Selective State Schools**
3. **Independent Schools**



Admissions to Secondary Schools

KCC operate a coordinated scheme for transfer to secondary school.

This means that it is all managed centrally through the Local Authority.



Key Dates

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

June Registration for Kent Tests opens on 1st June and closes at the beginning of July:

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

September Kent information online for parents

September Kent Tests

Sept/Oct Opportunities to visit secondary schools

October Assessment decisions re Kent Tests posted to parents/emails sent after 4pm

October Test scores available from school office after 4pm

31st October is the usual deadline for Kent secondary school applications.

Key Dates

National Offer Day Parents who make an online application will receive an email after **4pm at the beginning of March (usually 1st or 2nd)**. Offer of one school place sent in post to **all** parents. Information about waiting lists and appeals included with letter.

Mid March

- Deadline for Kent parents to accept or refuse places
- Deadline for Kent parents to request place on waiting list at any schools named on SCAF form (excluding Grammar Schools if Kent Test was not passed).

Mid April

- The Local Authority will reallocate vacant places to pupils on the waiting lists.
- Deadline for Parent Appeals
- Onwards – Kent parents can ask to be put on any waiting list for any school not just those on their SCAF form; normal in-year process applies from this date.

Which schools have children from our school gone to?

1 x The Judd Grammar	5 x Hillview	1 x Hillview	Wrotham School
1 x Wrotham	2 x Weald of Kent Grammar School	1 x Weald of Kent Grammar School	Maidstone Girls Grammar School
3 x Hillview	5 x The Knole Academy	3 x The Knole Academy	Hillview
3 x The Knole Academy	1 x Hadlow Rural Community School	1 x Hadlow Rural Community School	Knole Academy
1 x The Orchards Academy	1 x Radnor House	1 x Trinity	Radnor House
		1 x Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys	The Judd
		1 x The Judd	Weald of Kent
		1 x Wilmington Grammar	St Gregory's School



How can I find out about the schools to consider?

- Kent online booklets
- Ask existing parents or friends
- Visit as many schools as possible and look at their websites

Completing the Application (SCAF)

You should fill in the SCAF for the authority in which you live.

You may name schools in other authorities on your form.

ONLINE APPLICATION IS THE KEY MEANS OF APPLYING.

We can help you in school with internet access if needed.

ONLINE by midnight on October 31

- You need to register on website before applying (or re-use 11+ login)
- Once registered you can change your preferences but **make sure to resubmit each time**
- If you provide an email address you will be emailed after 4pm on the release date. If you have no email you can log onto the website.


The school does not get to see any of this.

Please share.



All schools operate an equal preference scheme

This means that schools do not know where you ranked them in your choices when they rank your child against their oversubscription criteria.



Kent parents should name up to FOUR preferences in priority order.

In addition you have the option of applications to the independent sector which are outside of this process.


Putting down less than four schools does not improve your chances.



Kent information online

Beware!

Some schools (academies, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools) require supplementary information in addition to the SCAF and this is stated in the details for each individual school. Where required, check on the school's information as to where to get form and where to return it to (usually the school itself).



Some 'non-selective' schools have some places available for 'special aptitudes' or a 'grammar stream'— Knole Academy, Hillview School for Girls – you need to complete their supplementary form and check for 'audition' dates EARLY.

Hillview School for Girls, Tonbridge

Dance, drama, music

Please look on their website for dates to return form

Assessments in October

The Knole Academy

Expressive Arts – dance, drama, music, visual arts

Please look on their website for dates to return supplementary form

Grammar Stream

Please look on their website to find details of an Open Morning and Information Evening.



When completing the form, consider the following:

- Generally all schools that interest parents are over-subscribed. Look at each school's over-subscription criteria to see where you fit in. Distance is often a key factor and this is a straight line measure unless otherwise stated.
- As a general rule, your child will get free home to school transport **if** the secondary school they will be attending is the “nearest appropriate school” for transport purposes, and is more than three miles from home using the shortest available walking route.
- You can only put grammar schools on your form, **if** your child sat the tests. A pass does not guarantee a grammar place.
- Make sure you read the section about pupil address. You may lose a place in the future if it is not correct.



Take a breath!

Keep your child calm too.

How can we help?

1. General briefing about procedures (Year 5 and Year 6)

2. Individual interviews offered –

Kent Tests (Year 5) and School Choices (Year 6)

3. Appeals

For grammar schools – HT assessment, parental admission appeals

For non-selective schools – admission appeals

4. On-going open door for advice and support