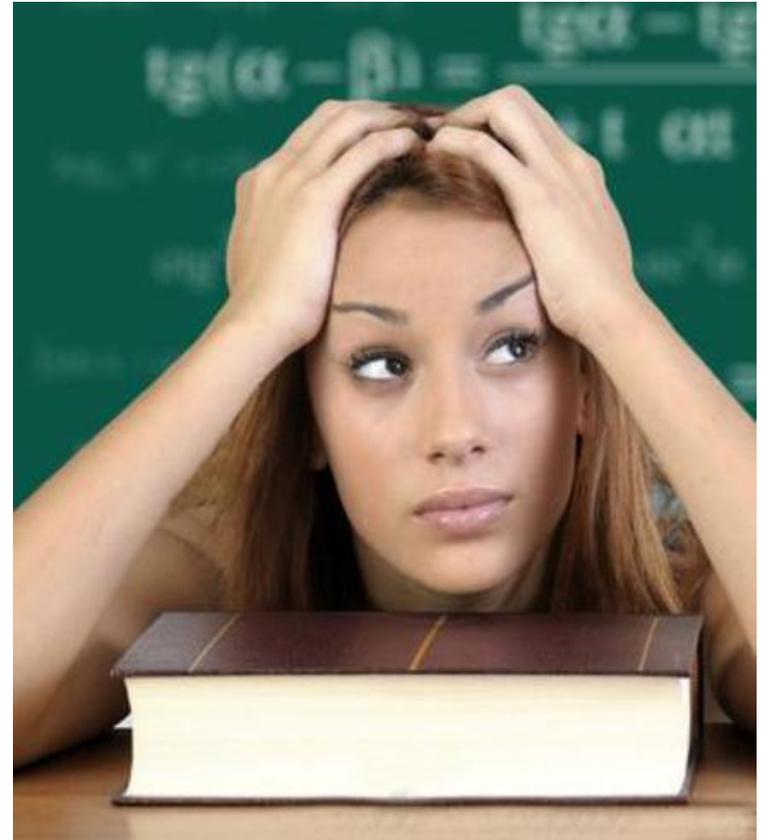


# **Secondary Admissions 2018 for 2019**

# Key Dates for Parents

<b>Friday 1st June to Monday 2nd July 2018</b>	<b>KENT ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR SELECTION (GRAMMAR SCHOOL) TEST</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2018</b>	<b>Secondary Common Application forms are available</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	<b>Kent Test takes place in Kent Primary Schools</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>h</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>Kent Test assessment decisions emailed to parents after 4.00pm. Postal results are sent on this day.</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) to be returned to LA – preferably electronically</b>
<b>Friday 1st March 2019</b>	<b>Offer of one school place sent to parents by email after 4pm – letters sent 1<sup>st</sup> class.</b>

- How do I know what school to choose?
- How do I decide whether or not my child should sit the selection test?



# Facts....

- Passing the selective test may not guarantee you a place at your first choice Grammar school!
- Trust Primary schools are given preference
- Longfield Academy is now regularly over-subscribed.

# LONGFIELD ACADEMY

## THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR LONGFIELD ACADEMY :

- Looked After Children
- SEN EHCP
- Siblings
- Health & Special Access
- **30 places for LAT students (if their nearest LAT school)**
- Distance



# Non Selection schools

Non Selection Schools take children of all abilities.

Some schools such as the Leigh Academy will still require that children take a test. This helps them 'band' the children by ability and is part of their Admissions Criteria.

Faith schools may also have specific requirements as part of their Admissions Criteria.

- What do I do if I need to know if I choose to apply for a Grammar School for my child?
- You need to apply on line at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- You need to check that the Grammar school you prefer does not have its own selection test. Mayfield has one which may override the outcome of the Kent Test.

# Selective – Grammar Schools

- Accept roughly 20 – 25% of the population
- Entry by selection test
- This year's thresholds will be based on a standardised score which will range from 69-141 in any one area with 100 being the average score.  
**PLEASE BE AWARE THESE ARE NOT COMPARABLE WITH CAT RESULTS!**
- Successful result of test does not guarantee a place at your first-choice Grammar school.
- Tests take place in early September.

# The Kent Test

The Kent test has:

- a reasoning paper (multiple choice)
- a literacy and numeracy paper (multiple choice)
- a written exercise.

The multiple choice test papers are marked by an automated marking machine.

The written test will not be marked, but may be used by a local Headteacher panel to review borderline cases

# Remember if registering for the test..

Parents wishing their children to sit the Kent grammar school test are required to register on line ( [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) ) no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. Testing will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The LA will write to parents advising of assessment decisions on 11th October. There will be no parental right of appeal against the outcome of a child's assessment

# THE 'PASS MARK'

- The score for a successful assessment is different every year. This year a standardized score will be used. Scores range from 69 – 141 with 100 being the average score.
- If lots of children scored very highly on the test, the pass mark would be higher. If lots of children got very low scores, the pass mark would be lower.
- The pass mark is adjusted very slightly to allow for a child's age when they take the test.
- You can not appeal against your child's Kent Test results.
- For the last four years, the threshold has been set at a minimum aggregate score of 320 with no single score below 106.

# Things to think about...

Where will your child ***be happy and thrive?***

Where will the learning best suit your child?

What support will there be for your child both academically **and** emotionally?

How far will your child have to travel?

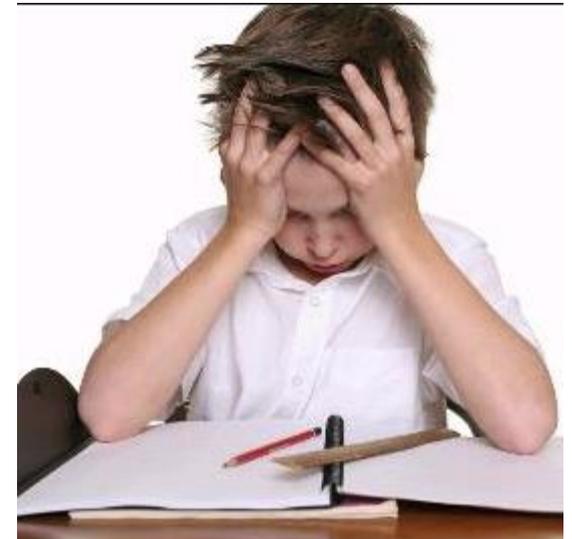
What learning support is provided?

# Myths

- Grammar schools do not have any behaviour issues
- My child will not be stretched in a non-selective school
- It wasn't a good school when I went there so it won't be a good school now.
- All Grammar School children go to University or Further Education.
- Children from wide ability schools do not go to University or Further Education.

# Children under pressure

- Difficulty with self esteem
- Maintaining the pace of work and expectation
- Use of a tutor – for the next 5 years and beyond?



# Selecting a school

.You can go onto the KCC web site to find out more information about the schools you are selecting and their admissions criteria:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/admissions-criteria/admissions-criteria-201718>

.Visit the schools web sites to check for information regarding admission criteria, supplementary forms and open evenings and days.

.Once a decision has been made the application needs to be made.

# Online Admissions

Parents will need to register with the website before submitting their application. They will receive an e-mail confirmation of their registration if they provide an e-mail address.

Parents can use their logon details to:

- edit their application at any time until the closing date for applications
- view their application online at any time
- view their offer details after the allocation date.

# Online Admissions

**Parents do not need to have an e-mail address to apply online.**

Parents can print off a summary of their application and, if they have provided an e-mail address, will receive an e-mail confirmation of their application which is a complete copy of their submission.

# Online Admissions

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

# Supplementary Information Forms

- Academies/VA/Foundation Schools can require parents to provide additional information but only where this is necessary to apply their oversubscription criteria (e.g. religious affiliation).
- Those schools requiring a supplementary form are clearly identified in the booklet. The form should be collected from and returned to the school.

## **Changing Preferences**

Once parents have made their preferences, local authorities must not allow them to be changed without a genuine reason for doing so – for example, if the family has recently moved address (SA Code 1.33).

# Allocating Places

- The LA operates an “Equal Preference” scheme.
- The LA tells schools who has applied for places, not whether they were named first, second, third or fourth, and the schools place their applicants in a rank order based on their oversubscription criteria.

**All applicants must be ranked, even if the school is very oversubscribed or undersubscribed.**

The published criteria determine which children can be offered places.

- The order in which a parent named the schools on the SCAF only matters if more than one of them could offer a place. In that case, the LA looks back at the original order and offers a place at whichever of them the parent named highest on the form.

# What we do to help

We provide support with assessment information about your child's cognitive ability test :

- Cognitive Ability Test score summary, years 3, 4 and 5.
- We also schedule Individual interviews in October and can provide Support for appeals.
- CATs VR, NVR, Quantitative **90 to 110** represents average ability, **120+ above average**, below **80 – below average**.

# What we cannot do

Quote from the KCC 'Instructions for Procedure for Entrance to Secondary Education' .....

***Coaching is not required or permitted.*** If we receive evidence that a school is coaching we reserve the right to 'unlink' it'

Quote from Bexley 'The London Borough of Bexley does not encourage coaching of children for the tests'.

# Appeals

**Parents will be informed by email after 4pm or by first class post on the Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March and have the right to appeal for any school which refuses them a place – Parents are asked to accept or decline a place by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Appeals must also be lodged **by 29th March 2019.****

# Appeals

They can also ask for their child's name to go on a school's waiting list. Enclosures in the March decision letter will explain both options. After Wednesday **24th April 2019**, schools can allocate vacant places to children on their waiting lists, in accordance with their oversubscription criteria. Once the school reaches its Published Admission Number it can only admit children as a result of Independent Appeal Panel decisions, or through a Fair Access Protocol.

# Appeals

- A school which is below its PAN must fill its spaces from the waiting list in priority order until it reaches the PAN. After this, children can only be admitted through the appeal process, or through a Fair Access Protocol.
- Parents who gain a place on appeal will need to tell the school they were originally offered that they no longer require the place: then it can be offered to someone else.

# IF YOU FORGET WHAT TO DO.....

Visit our website.

Look for the Parent Tab

Click on Kent Secondary Schools  
Admissions.