

**REGISTRATION TO SIT THE KENT TEST—AUTUMN 2008**

For pupils born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 1998

You should only complete this form if you want your child to go to a Kent grammar school

Please ensure that you complete all sections of this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

**Child's Details:**

Forename  Surname

Date of Birth  Male / Female (*delete as applicable*)

Full Address

Post Code

**Parent/Guardian Details:**

Title  Forename  Surname

Contact Telephone Number

Contact e-mail Address

**Current School Details:**

Current School Name and Address

Post Code

DCSF Number LA  DCSF

*Kent is LA 886, Bromley is 305, Medway is 887, Bexley is 303, Surrey is 936, West Sussex is 938 and East Sussex is 845  
The DCSF number should be available from your child's current school.*

Signed ..... Date .....

Any additional information: .....

**If your child attends a Kent primary school, please return this form to that school.  
Otherwise please return this form to Admissions and Transport, Kent County Council, Room 2.24, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ by 11 July 2008.**

For further information please contact the Secondary Admissions Team on 01622 696565 or e-mail [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk)

# The Kent Grammar School Tests



**The dates of the Kent grammar school tests have changed !**

**Information for parents of children due to start secondary school in September 2009**

**For children born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 1998**

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



## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL GRAMMAR SCHOOL TESTING - 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

You may have heard that Kent County Council is changing the time of year when children take selection tests for admission to grammar school. This is because the Government's School Admissions Code, which came into force in 2007, recommends that parents should be given the results of any admission tests before they are asked to name their preferred schools on a Secondary Common Application Form.

**Your child does not need to take the tests unless you are interested in a grammar school place.**

If you would like your child to go to one of Kent's grammar schools in September 2009, you will need to register him or her for testing before **11 July 2008**, because the tests will take place in **September 2008**. We will then be able to give you an assessment decision by **21 October 2008**. You can register from 2 June 2008 onwards, but please don't leave it too late to decide, as we will not test anyone in September who did not register by the closing date. There is a registration form with this letter, or you can download it from [www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

Registering for the tests is not the same as applying for a grammar school. You apply for a grammar school by naming it on the common application form. We will be asking Kent parents to complete our Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) by **7 November 2008**. A Kent grammar school cannot offer your child a place unless you have named that school on your SCAF, your child has taken the Kent tests and has been assessed suitable for grammar school.

If you name a Kent grammar school on your SCAF and your child has not taken the tests, we will not be able to offer a place there. *Your child will not be tested until after places have been offered.*

If you name a Kent grammar school on your SCAF when your child was not assessed suitable for grammar school, we will not be able to offer you a place there, but you will still have the right to appeal for a place once offers have been made.

Offers of school places will be posted out on **2 March 2009**. A grammar school assessment does not guarantee that your child will get a Kent grammar school place. Whether or not you get a place will depend on the admission criteria of the school(s), how many places and how many suitable applicants each school has.

If you want some advice about whether or not it would be sensible to look at a grammar school place for your child, you should discuss it with teachers at his or her present school. If you want to find out more about how the admission process works, there are some FAQs on the following page and on our website, or you can contact the Secondary Admissions Team on 01622 696565.

Yours faithfully

Scott Bagshaw  
Head of Admissions & Transport



## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL GRAMMAR SCHOOL TESTING - 2008

The Kent grammar schools are:

Barton Court Grammar School	Borden Grammar School
Chatham House Grammar School	Clarendon House Grammar School
Dane Court Grammar School	Dartford Grammar School
Dartford Grammar School for Girls	Dover Grammar School for Boys
Dover Grammar School for Girls	Folkestone School for Girls
Gravesend Grammar School	Gravesend Grammar School for Girls
Harvey Grammar School	Highsted Grammar School
Highworth Grammar School for Girls	Invicta Grammar School
The Judd School	Maidstone Grammar School
Maidstone Grammar School for Girls	The Norton Knatchbull School
Oakwood Park Grammar School	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School	Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
Sir Roger Manwood's School	The Skinners School
Tonbridge Grammar School	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys	Weald of Kent Grammar School
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	The Grammar School for Girls, Wilmington

### Some frequently asked questions

#### **When will I know my child's assessment decision?**

We will be posting assessment decision letters to parents/guardians by first class post on 20 October 2008, to arrive on **21 October 2008**.

#### **Can my child take the Kent Test if we don't live in Kent?**

The Kent Test is open to all pupils born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 1998. To register for testing, please complete the form overleaf and return it by **11 July 2008**.

#### **What is the closing date for completing the Secondary Common Application Form?**

For Kent residents, the closing date for completing the Secondary Common Application form is **7 November 2008**. Other Local Authorities (LAs) may have set different dates, so if you live outside the Kent LA area you should check the rules for your own Local Authority, as you will make your application on your home LA's common application form.

#### **When will I know which school my child will be offered?**

All LAs will send out offers of school places on **2 March 2009**. A Kent grammar school cannot consider your child for a place unless you have named that school on your common application form, your child has taken the Kent tests and has been assessed suitable for grammar school.

#### **If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school?**

A Kent grammar school assessment does not guarantee that your child will be offered a Kent grammar school place. Like other schools, grammar schools are often oversubscribed. If more children qualify for places than a school can accommodate, it will apply its oversubscription criteria to decide which children it can take. If your child does not get the place you want, you will be able to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

#### **Where can I get a test registration form and further information?**

The test registration form is overleaf. Further information and registration forms are also available at [www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions) or you can contact the Secondary Admissions Team on 01622 696565.