

Secondary Application Meeting

22rd September 2026

Welcome

Key Dates

Kent Test	Results Results sent to parents by email Thursday 15 th October 2026 after 4pm. It will state G for Grammar or H for High School. It will also contain your child's score.
National SCAF closing date	Monday 2 nd November 2026
National Offer Day	Monday 1 st March 2027 by email after 4.00pm. You can also log on after 5.00pm to view which school you have been offered.
Deadline for Accepting/Refusing Deadline for going on to a waiting list	Monday 15 th March 2027
Deadline for lodging an appeal	Tuesday 13 th April 2027 (Appeals heard May - June)
Reallocation of places	Tuesday 27 th April 2027

Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

To apply use the Online Admission Website

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Very useful website is the KCC Admissions pages:

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

Kent parents are invited to express up to **four** preferences in priority order. **Put the schools in the order you want them.** *Putting down one school only will **not** improve the chance of getting a place.*

Applications for 2027

For children starting year 7 in September 2027 applications opened on Tuesday 1st September and will close on Monday 2nd November 2026 (the Monday after half-term).

You can apply for up to 4 schools.

- Put the schools in the order of preference.
- It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.
- Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child.
- You are not able to name the same school more than once.

To apply for a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

If you have applied but your circumstances have changed and you need to amend your application email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk so we can help you.

How do I know which schools to apply to?

If you name a grammar school on your application form and your child does not pass the test, you are entitled to a parental appeal, to that individual school later in the year.

Try to visit schools with your child if possible. This process is about trying to find the right school for your child. Try to create your own opinion based on your child's needs. Look at school websites and any reports.

Look at the admission rules called the 'Oversubscription Criteria', especially faith schools such as Trinity School, Bennett Memorial School and St. Gregory's School.

Speak to us and other parents, especially parents of children who are currently attending schools you are interested in.

Put the schools in the order that you want them!

Destination Secondary Schools

	2026	2025		2026	2025
Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	2	2	Sevenoaks School	1	0
Broomhill Bank School	0	1	Solefields School	0	1
Caterham	1	0	St Gregory's Catholic School	0	1
Hillview School for Girls	6	5	Sutton Valance School	0	1
Knole Academy	11	22	The Judd School	11	10
Leigh Academy Hugh Christie	1	0	The Skinners' School	4	7
Lingfield College	3	2	Tonbridge Grammar School	9	9
New Beacon	1	0	Trinity School	7	9
Radnor House	4	1	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar	1	3
Rose Hill Prep School	0	1	Tunbridge Wells Boys' Grammar	13	5
Sackville School	2	1	Walthamstow Hall	2	0
Saint Olave's Grammar	1	0	Weald of Kent Grammar School	12	15
Sevenoaks Preparatory School	2	0	Woldingham School	1	0
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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. 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 the schools 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.

If you provided an email address on your application, we will email you on Monday 1st March 2027 after 4pm to tell you which school you have been offered.

Or [log in](#) after 5pm to see your offer online on Monday 1st March 2027. Offer emails will be sent to the email address you provided on your application. We cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email, as this will depend on your email service provider.

Due to data protection restrictions, we cannot send the offer to another email address without approval from the original email account. If you have changed email address, make sure you can still access the original one to receive your offer. Or [view your offer online](#).

If you need to reset your password you must use the email address you registered with.

For any additional questions, email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Waiting Lists and Appeals

Children can only go on the waiting list of a grammar school if they have passed the Kent Test.

You can only go on the waiting list of a school that you applied for.

You can only appeal for a school that you have applied for.

You can appeal to a grammar school even if your child didn't pass the test. This is a parental appeal which takes place in May - June.

Appeal process

An independent appeal panel will decide whether your appeal is successful. The panel is usually made up of 3 people, with at least one person who has experience in education and at least one layperson. They are independent of the school, trust and local authority.

There will also be a clerk in attendance who is independent of the school and will deal with administration for the appeal, keep the official note of what is discussed and give independent and impartial advice on the appeals process and admissions law to the panel members.

You will be informed of the date of your appeal at least 14 calendar days before it is heard and a complete copy of the appeals paperwork will be sent to you at least 7 calendar days before the hearing.

Where can I get advice?

From your child's Year 6 class teacher, last year's Year 5 class teacher, Miss Jones, Miss Watson and Mr Reid.

Secondary Admission Team: 03000412121

Kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Kent Parent Partnership Service: 03000413000

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Any questions?

If it is not possible to answer your question tonight please email it to the school office.

Remember we are here to help so please always ask. It will all work out in the end!

