

11+ INFORMATION BOOKLET

Hello,

Please find below information about the upcoming 11+ for both the Kent Test and Medway Test. We hope you find it helpful.

Medway Test

The Medway Test is made up of three separate papers:

- Extended Writing 50 minutes. This involves creative writing of one of the following: story, diary entry, play script, newspaper report, leaflet, or a formal letter. Hand-marked.
- Mathematics 50 minutes in multiple choice format. Topics include fractions, decimals, percentages, area and perimeter, ratios, algebra, shapes and space, and problem solving (currently published by CEM).
- Verbal Reasoning 50 minutes in multiple choice format. Multiple choice tests are computer-marked (currently published by CEM).

These tests are written specifically for Medway Council and are designed to assess and select 23 per cent of the children in the year group as grammar. Up to a further two per cent can be selected through the review process.

Registration for the 2019 Medway Test opens: 9am, Monday 4 June 2018 Registration for the 2019 Medway Test closes: 5pm, Monday 2 July 2018

Each paper is marked to provide 'raw' scores. The raw scores are then standardised (weighted) to reflect the child's age at the time they sit the test. This is to make sure no child is disadvantaged because they're born later in the school year.

The minimum score for this year will not be known until after the test has been sat and the scores calculated.

The score for the last few years were:

- 2018 → 495
- 2017 → 513

2016 → 521

The following formula is used to calculate the total weighted score for each child:

Extended Writing standardised score x 2 + Mathematics standardised score x 2 + Verbal reasoning standardised score x 1 = Total weighted score

http://new.medway.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/medway-test/register-for-themedway-test#guide-content

Kent Test

The Kent Test is divided into 2 sections and an additional writing exercise.

- English and Maths paper 1 hour in multiple choice format. Each section will take 25 minutes with 5 minutes for preparation. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some questions to test literacy skills (currently published by GL Assessment).
- Reasoning paper –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 (currently published by GL Assessment).
- Writing exercise 40 minutes, including 10 minutes to plan the piece. The exercise isn't marked, but taken into consideration in borderline cases.

The <u>Kent Test familiarisation booklet (PDF, 2.6 MB)</u> gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.

Your child's score

Your child will get 3 standardised scores, one for English, one for Maths and one for Reasoning, and a total score. The scores will be standardised and adjusted to take account of each child's age. The threshold for 2018 was a total score of 323 with no single score lower than 107.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1

The Mayfield Procedure

Testing for Mayfield is in two parts:

- A computer based test set by CEM Durham. This assess verbal ability, numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. The marking weights verbal ability more than numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. The test will be broken up into sections. Verbal, Maths and Non-Verbal and there will be examples for practice within the sections.
- An English paper which assess writing skills. The paper consists of a passage to read and then a number of writing tasks from which one title has to be chosen to respond to. The English paper will be marked by staff from the English faculty.
- <u>http://www.intuproject.org/CEMSelect/CSFamiliarisation.html</u>

Resources

- <u>https://www.bond11plus.co.uk/free-resources</u>
- <u>https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/</u>
- <u>www.educationquizzes.com</u>

