

Secondary Transfer & Admissions for September 2027



Key Dates for Parents

Date:	Event:	Comment:
10 September 2026	Kent Tests (11+) take place in school for those children who were registered.	
15 October 2026	Kent Test assessment decisions will be e-mailed after 4.00 p.m. You will also be able to login to view your child's Kent Test result and test scores after 5pm.	E-mails often take some time to come through. No appeals can be made against the test decisions.
2 November 2026 but think end of October!	National SCAF closing date All online now.	Admissions will help if any issues
1 March 2027	Offer of one school place sent to parents by Kent LA (usually after 4pm)	Parents can appeal to schools listed on their SCAF
15 March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered. Parents should also fill out the waiting list form from the link in the offer email to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.	Your place may be lost if you do not accept the offer by this deadline.
13 April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the SCAF.	
April to June 2027	Admission appeals held.	

You could apply to...

Without 11+	With 11+
Hadlow Rural Community School	The Judd School (boys)
Leigh Academy	Tonbridge Grammar School (girls)
Hillview School for Girls (girls)	Weald of Kent Grammar School (girls)
Leigh Academy Hugh Christie	The Skinners' School (boys)
Mascalls Academy	Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar
Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar
The Skinners' Kent Academy	
St. Gregory's Catholic School	This is not a complete list but gives an idea of the choices available.

Secondary Common Application Forms

- Parents are invited to express four preferences in priority order. Putting down one school only will not improve the chance of getting a place.
- SCAFs should be submitted online only.

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

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

Useful Background

- A significant number of Kent's grammar schools are their own admission authority and set their own oversubscription criteria, which can change year on year. By now each school will have its determined admission arrangements for 2027 available. Be aware, Weald of Kent now have an additional entrance exam – see their website for more information.
- Transport assistance to grammar schools and faith schools is discretionary, not automatic. Transport arrangements will be set out in the “Admission to Secondary School 2027” booklet.

Place Allocation

- The Local Authority operates an 'Equal Preference' scheme. This means that secondary schools do not know if they are your first, second, third or fourth choice.
- The order in which you place schools only matters if you are given more than one offer – if this is the case, priority will be given according to your SCAF priority choice.
- It is important you are aware of the 'over-subscription criteria' that schools use when allocating places. Please refer to your Secondary Admissions booklets for guidance.

Advice.....

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We are here to help!

If you have any difficulties in completing the SCAF, please
come and ask.

Email better.

Before completing your preferences...

You know your child – although we are here to offer advice and support, the best way of deciding which secondary school is right for your child is to go and visit them.

Which school will meet the need of your child best?

Any Questions ?

