



Procedure for Entrance to Secondary Education (PESE) 2026

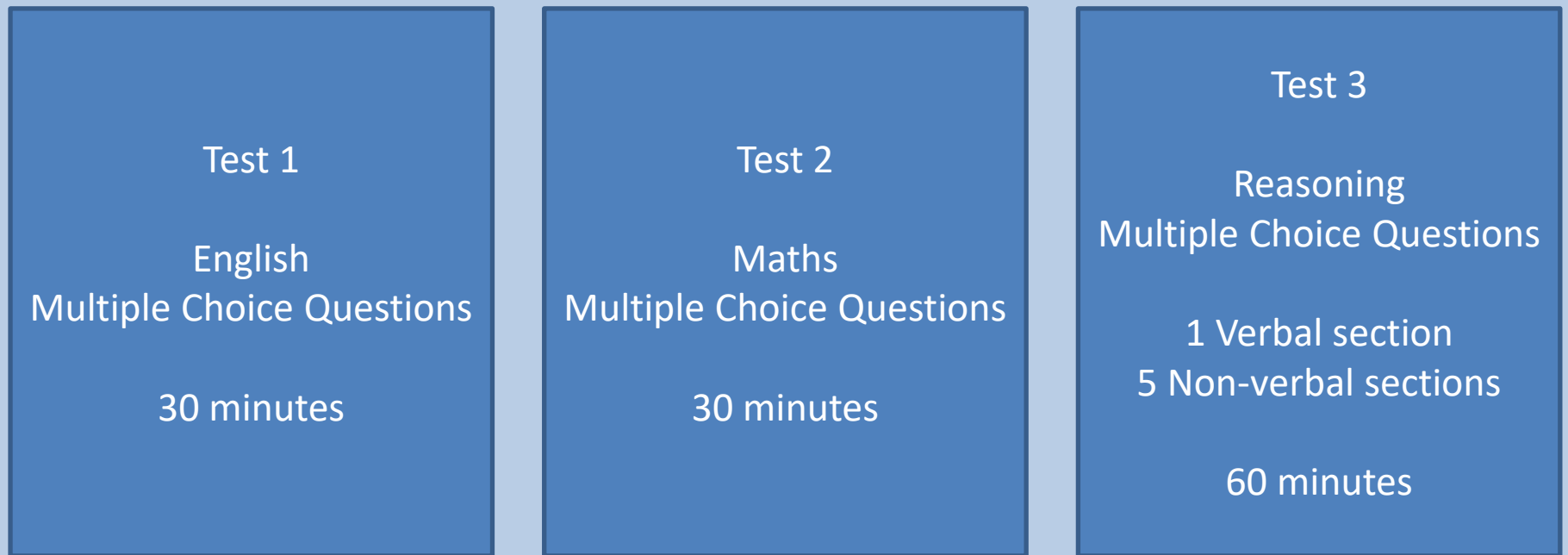
A presentation on how PESE works
and advice for interested parents

What is PESE?

- It is the grammar school assessment for Kent
- **Any Y5 pupil in school who is interested in a Kent grammar school place for September 2026 MUST register for testing by 1 July 2025 to take part in the September tests. This includes children with an EHC Plan. Registration opens on 2 June 2025.**
- Parents should register their child online, by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest and creating an online account. Once you have completed and submitted the registration you should get a confirmation email.
- If you would like your child to sit the PESE test, but believe they have a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, please come and discuss this with Mr Rye ***before registering them***, as we may be able to apply for additional access arrangements.

How does it work?

- Once you have applied, the children sit the tests on Thursday, September 11th (first full week of term).

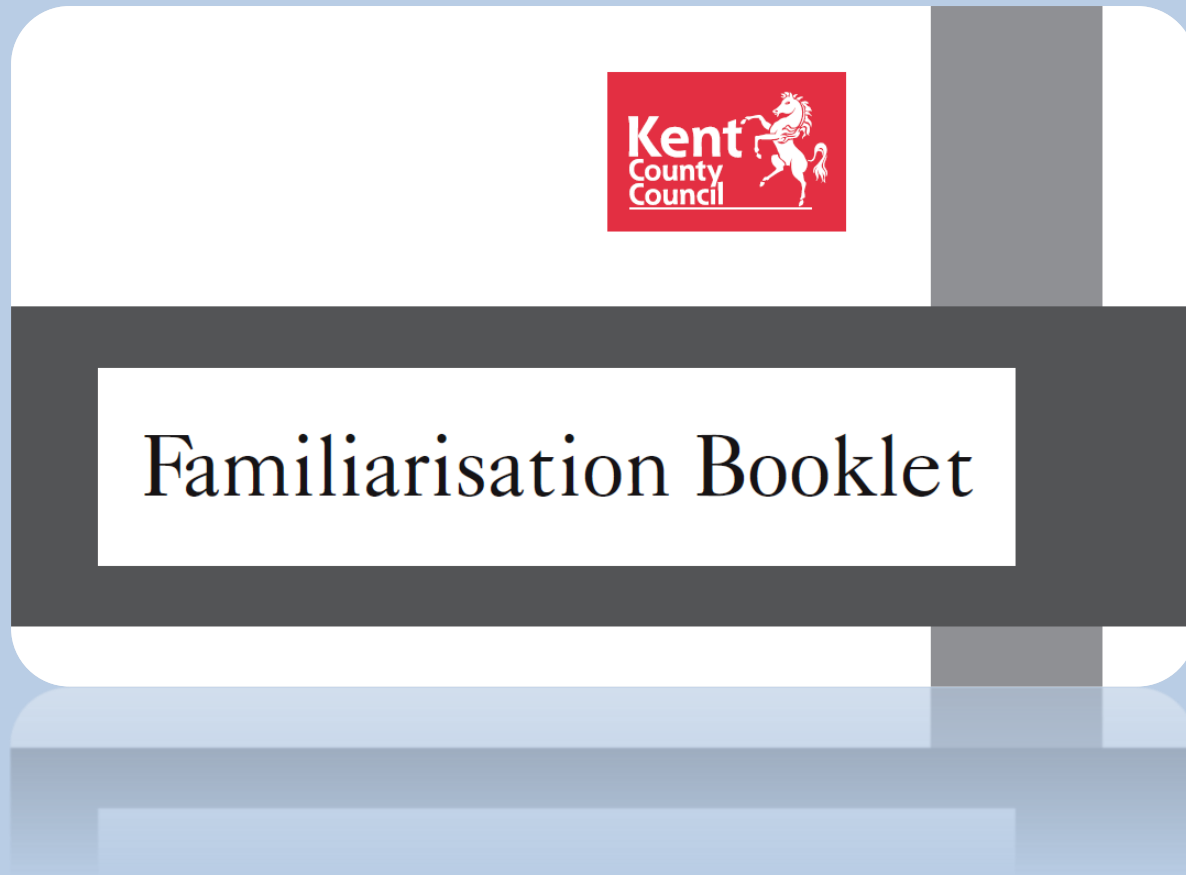


- There is also a 40-minute writing task which is not marked and does not impact on the standardised score. This provides evidence for further consideration in the event of a headteacher appeal.

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- The tests are in multiple-choice format, and children's answer sheets are machine marked.
- Test results are standardised, giving a score between 69 and 141 for each paper.
- Standardisation references the average performance, putting different tests on a common scale. It takes account of each child's age and allows the use of 3 scores together to consider 'overall ability'.

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There is also a link to some free familiarisation materials offered by GL Assessment at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-3>

Grammar School

In order to consider a grammar school your child must take part in PESE. It is not possible to name a grammar school on the Secondary School Application Form if you don't.

What do I need to do? When do I need to do it?

- Register for the tests – 2 June - 1 July 2025
- www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Tests Taken – Thursday 11th September 2025
- Results emailed / posted to parents – Thursday 16th October 2025
- National SCAF deadline – end of October 2024

Helpful Links

- <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>
- http://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

Any Questions?

