



## **Year 7 Admissions Frequently Asked Questions For Entry in September 2027**

This document explains how the Weald Grammar Assessment works alongside the Kent Test (11+) for entry to Weald of Kent Grammar School, and should be read alongside:

- The Weald of Kent Grammar School Admissions Policy 2027/2028
- Kent County Council's Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admissions 2027/2028

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### **ENTRY TO WEALD OF KENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

#### **How can my daughter gain entry to Weald of Kent Grammar School?**

Girls may qualify for entry to Year 7 at Weald of Kent Grammar School in one of two ways:

- By passing the Kent Test (PESE), or
- By passing the Weald Grammar Assessment.

These are equal and alternative routes. Neither test has precedence over the other.

#### **Does one test give an advantage over the other?**

No. The Kent Test and the Weald Grammar Assessment are treated exactly the same for admissions purposes. Passing both tests does not give any additional advantage or priority. Once a child is deemed "grammar-assessed" through either route, the same oversubscription criteria apply to everyone.

#### **How many Year 7 places are available?**

Our Published Admission Number (PAN) is 270.

#### **Do I still need to name Weald of Kent Grammar School on my application if my child takes the Weald Grammar Assessment?**

Yes. All applicants must complete their Local Authority Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) and name Weald of Kent Grammar School. Taking and passing the Weald Grammar Assessment alone does not constitute an application for a school place.

#### **What Kent Test (11+) score does my daughter need?**

We accept applications from any student who is deemed "grammar-assessed" by KCC (i.e. who has met the required standard in the Kent Test). The exact score threshold varies each year.

**Do you accept pupils from outside Kent?**

Yes. However, families living outside Kent may be less likely to receive a place in the first round of offers due to distance-based oversubscription criteria. Families should carefully consider the length and nature of the school journey before applying.

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**THE WEALD GRAMMAR ASSESSMENT (ALTERNATIVE TO THE KENT TEST)****What is the Weald Grammar Assessment?**

The Weald Grammar Assessment is an additional, optional opportunity for girls to demonstrate grammar school suitability for entry to Weald of Kent Grammar School. It is designed to identify academic potential consistent with existing grammar school students and aligns with the standard of the Kent Test.

**Who can take the Weald Grammar Assessment?**

Registration is open to girls resident in the UK, including children of UK service personnel and Crown servants returning to the UK for Year 7 entry in September 2027.

**When does registration open and close?**

Registration opens: Monday 1 June 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration closes: Friday 10 July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

In exceptional circumstances only, supported by written evidence, late registration may be accepted up to Tuesday 21 July 2026.

**How do I register?**

Parents must register directly with the school. The registration form will be available:

- On the school website
- From the school office

**When will the assessment take place?**

The Weald Grammar Assessment will take place at Weald of Kent Grammar School on the Saturday following the Kent Test.

**What does the Weald Grammar Assessment consist of?**

The assessment will include:

- Paper 1: English (40 minutes) and verbal reasoning (20 minutes)
- Paper 2: Maths (40 minutes) and non-verbal reasoning (20 minutes)

Further details of the test format will be published on the school website in May 2026 before registration opens.

**What is the pass standard?**

The pass standard is set with reference to local performance and corresponds approximately to the standard achieved by the top 25% of the age group nationally.

**When and how will results be shared?**

Results will be emailed to parents in line with the Kent County Council PESE (Kent Test) notification process.

**If my child passes the Weald Grammar Assessment but not the Kent Test, can she still be admitted?**

Yes. Passing either assessment independently qualifies your child as “grammar-assessed” for Weald of Kent Grammar School, subject to oversubscription criteria.

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### **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS & LATE TESTING**

**What if my daughter needs special arrangements for the assessment?**

Parents must consult their child’s current Headteacher and provide written supporting evidence. Requests must be received before Tuesday 21 July 2026.

**When is late testing considered?**

Late testing is permitted only in exceptional circumstances, such as:

- Religious observance (confirmed by a faith representative)
- Illness (confirmed by a doctor’s certificate)
- Bereavement (confirmed by a death certificate)

Taking another Local Authority’s test elsewhere on the same date is not considered an exceptional circumstance.

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### **OVERSUBSCRIPTION & ALLOCATION OF PLACES**

**What happens after my child qualifies through either test?**

Once your child is deemed grammar-assessed via either route, places are allocated using Weald of Kent’s determined oversubscription criteria if there are more applicants than places.

What are the oversubscription criteria?

Places are allocated in the following priority order:

Looked After Children

Pupil Premium

Current Family Association

Health and Special Access Reasons

Children of Permanent Members of Staff

Distance – Measured to our Tonbridge Campus

### **What is the Supplementary Information Form (SIF)?**

The SIF is required **only** if your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium. Evidence must be submitted directly to the school by 31 October.

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## **SECTION 5: APPLICATIONS, OFFERS & APPEALS**

### **What is National Offer Day?**

On National Offer Day, KCC notifies parents of the secondary school allocated. If you are offered Weald of Kent, the school will contact you shortly afterwards with campus preference and acceptance forms.

### **What if my daughter is not offered a place?**

If you named Weald of Kent on your SCAF, you may appeal after National Offer Day. Appeals are managed independently through Education Appeals.

### **What if my daughter did not pass the Kent Test?**

There is no appeal against the test result itself. However, provided you named Weald of Kent on your SCAF, you may still appeal for a place.

### **What happens if my appeal is unsuccessful?**

If unsuccessful, admission to Year 7 is not possible. However, testing for potential Year 8 entry may be discussed during the summer term of Year 7.

### **What is the Reallocation Process?**

If places become available after declined offers, KCC reallocates places from the waiting list according to the admissions criteria. Reallocation is scheduled for the end of April.

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## **CAMPUS INFORMATION**

### **How do I apply for a particular campus?**

After being offered a place, parents complete a campus preference form. Allocation is confirmed at a later date.

### **What if we don't get our preferred campus?**

Families may join a campus waiting list which runs until the first week of September.

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## **:EHCP, OUT-OF-YEAR & MOVING INTO KENT**

### **What if my daughter has an EHCP?**

This process is managed outside the standard admissions process. The SENCO at your child's current school will advise you, and Kent Admissions should be contacted directly.

### **How do I apply for out-of-year entry?**

Requests must be made in writing to the Headteacher between April and May of Year 5 with full supporting evidence. A paper CAF must then be submitted to the Local Authority.

### **What if we have just moved to Kent and missed testing?**

Contact Kent Admissions for guidance:

Telephone: 03000 412121

Email: [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

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## **WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS**

### **Can an offer be withdrawn?**

Yes. The school may withdraw an offer if:

- There is no response within a reasonable time
  - Significant information is not disclosed
  - The application was fraudulent or intentionally misleading
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## **CONTACTING THE SCHOOL**

### **What is the best way to ask admissions questions?**

Please email [admissions@wealdgs.org](mailto:admissions@wealdgs.org) in the first instance. Telephone lines are very busy and email is the most efficient way to get a response.

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