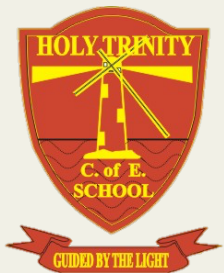


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Kent Test

Registration will open from 1 June 2018

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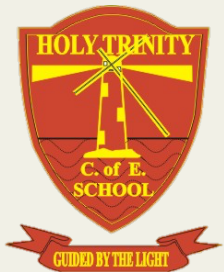


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If you want to apply for a year 7 place at a Kent grammar school, you can register your child for the Kent Test.

The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child.

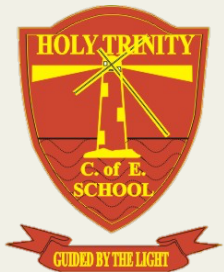
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The Kent Test registration will open from 1 June 2018 and close on 2 July 2018, for children due to start secondary school in September 2019.

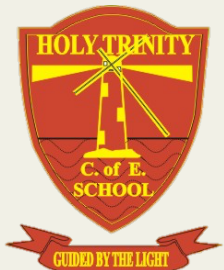
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Your child must have been born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 to take the 2018 Kent Test.

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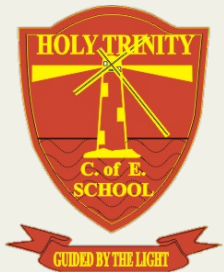


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The test is only valid for Kent grammar schools.

Medway Council has its own [Medway Test](#) and London Borough of Bexley has its own [Bexley selection test](#).

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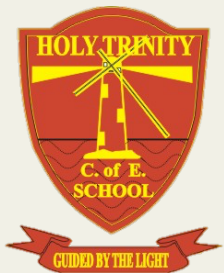
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Your child will take the test in year 6 of primary school.

The Kent Test date for children who go to school in Kent is:

6 September 2018

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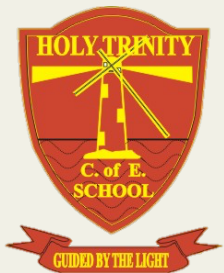


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The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet.

They are marked by an automated marking machine.

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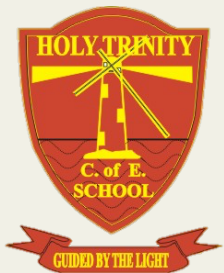
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The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour.

Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test.

The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

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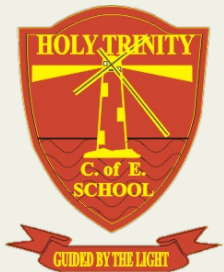
The second test will be a reasoning paper.

It will take about 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.

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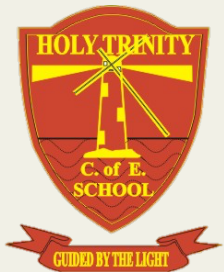


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There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process.

40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

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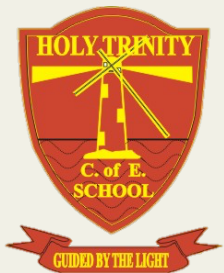


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[The Kent Test familiarisation booklet \(PDF, 2.6 MB\)](#) gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.

Any additional familiarisation material can be downloaded free of charge from [GL Assessment](#).

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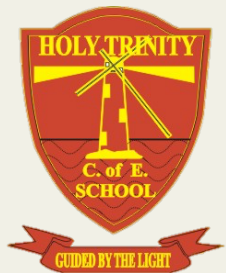
Your Child's Score

Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for math's and 1 for reasoning.

Standardisation is a statistical process which compares your child's performance with the average performance of other children in each test.

A slight adjustment is made to take into account each child's age so that the youngest are not at a disadvantage.

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Grammar School Threshold 2017

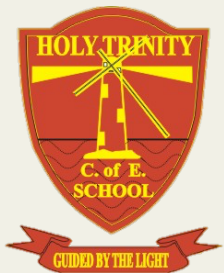
To be assessed as suitable for grammar school, children needed to get a total score of 320 or more, with no single score lower than 106.

The lowest possible score was 69 and the highest was 141 on each test. The highest possible total score was 423.

If your child does not reach this threshold score, we can refer their case to the local Head Teacher Assessment panel, their written piece will have been looked at.

The panel will also look at their achievement in school, along with their CAT's scores and examples of their work before a final decision is made.

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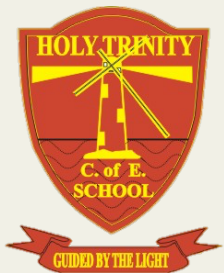
Cognitive Ability test (CATS)

We assess all children using the CATs in Year 5.

Many secondary schools also repeat this test in Year 7

The test looks at verbal reasoning, non verbal reasoning, spatial and quantitative abilities

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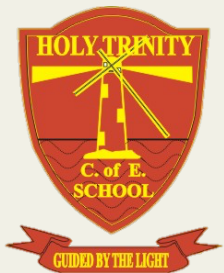
Cognitive Ability test (CATS)

Primary school CATs, or CAT4 tests, to give them their official name, were developed by GL Assessment who also produce the Kent Test.

Rather than testing children's knowledge, they're designed to help teachers understand each child's strengths and weaknesses as an individual.

Unlike SATs, which focus on core skills linked to the curriculum, primary school CATs focus on a child's innate ability.

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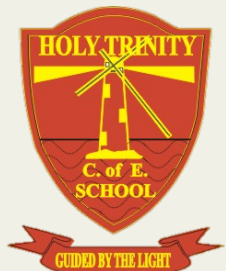
Four specific areas are tested:

1. **Verbal reasoning:** tasks involving words
2. **Non-verbal reasoning:** tasks involving shapes and patterns
3. **Quantitative reasoning:** tasks involving numbers
4. **Spatial ability:** tasks involving mentally generating and transforming visual images

For more information go to-

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-school-cats-explained>

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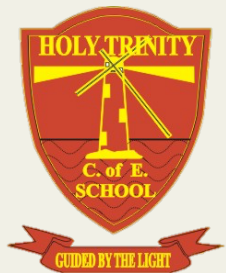
Many children will find the test difficult.

Grammar schools in Kent provide for children in about the top 25% of the ability range.

In addition, some of Kent's grammar schools - particularly those which are most likely to offer places to children from outside Kent - give priority to those with the highest scores.

It is recommended that you discuss your child's academic achievement with their classteacher before you decide whether to register them for the test.

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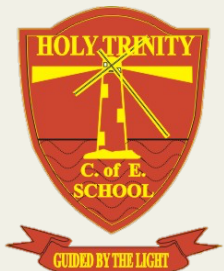
If your child is disabled or has special educational needs

If your child has a disability or special educational need that may affect the way they access the test, you need to discuss this with Mrs. Akinde, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) as soon as possible.

Any proposal for alternative access requirements must be made by the school by 10 July 2018.

When you register your child for the Kent Test online, you will need to confirm if you have discussed a request for access arrangements with your child's school.

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If you registered online your results will be sent to you on 11 October 2018 after 4pm.

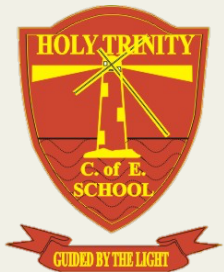
They cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email, this will depend on your email service provider.

You can also [log in](#) to view your child's Kent Test results.

If you registered via paper application your Kent Test result will be posted from 11 October 2018 via first class post.

If you wish to know your child's test scores and you did not register online you should contact your primary school direct from 12 October 2018.

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- **Passing the Kent Test does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent grammar school.**
- Make sure you know where the Kent grammar schools are, and what the [admissions criteria](#) are for the school(s) you are interested in.

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School Name

Gravesend Grammar School

Mayfield Grammar School,

Meopham School

Northfleet School for Girls

Northfleet Technology College

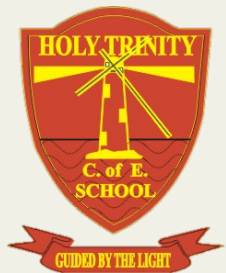
Saint George's CE School

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School

Thamesview School

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

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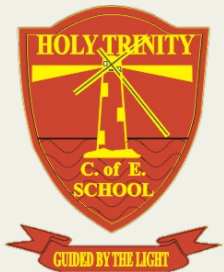


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School Admissions Criteria

- Every school has a set of rules, called oversubscription criteria, that it uses to decide which children can be offered a place.
- The criteria are different for each school. For example, a school may give priority to children:
 - who are, or have previously been, in care or looked after
 - who have a brother or sister at the school
 - who live close to the school
 - from a particular religion (for faith schools)
 - who do well in an entrance exam (for example, the [Kent Test](#) for grammar schools)
- Criteria can change from year to year, so please check to see if your child is likely to be offered a place at your preferred school/s before you [make an application](#).

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- [Applications for secondary school](#) close on 31 October 2018.
- **If your child took the test and was assessed as suitable for grammar school, any Kent grammar school you apply for will consider your application.**
- However, this does not guarantee your child will be offered a place.

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Applying for a secondary school place

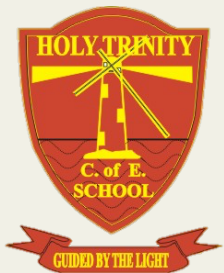
If you apply online you will be emailed on 1 March 2019 after 4pm to tell you which school you have been offered.

You can also [log in](#) after 5pm on 1 March 2019 to view your offer online.

If you apply by post you will be sent your offer by first class post on 1 March 2019. Royal Mail no longer guarantees next day delivery on first class post. Please wait 3 working days for your letter to arrive before contacting the admissions team.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-4>

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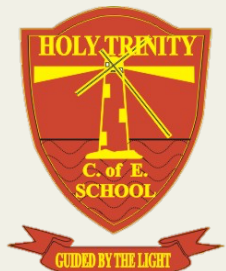
Starting Secondary School

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2019 you will be offered a place on 1 March 2019.

[You will need to accept or refuse the offer directly with the school. \(PDF, 688.4 KB\)](#)

The deadline for returning the secondary acceptance/refusal form is 16 March 2019.

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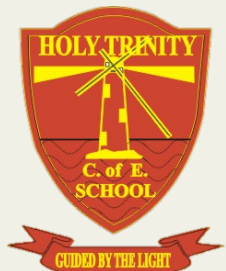
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Not Offered The Schools You Applied For

This may be because:

1. Your child was not eligible for the school
2. There were more applications than spaces available so the school used its oversubscription criteria to prioritise which children to offer places to.
3. In these cases the admissions team must offer your child a place at another school. This will usually be the nearest school to your home with available places.

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For more information:

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

https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

[Kent Test leaflet \(PDF, 622.4 KB\)](#)

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/eleven-plus-Kent-test>

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