

Year 7 Entry September 2019 – Advice for Parents

My Child Passed His Kent Test

Parents of children eligible for a place at Kent Grammar Schools should include their chosen grammar schools in priority order on their SCAF (Secondary Common Application Form). Parents of children eligible for Pupil Premium should also complete a separate form found on our website and send it to us before the SCAF deadline.

Places will be offered according to our Oversubscription Criteria (found on the website) with priority afforded to local children. Passing the Kent Test is not in any way a guarantee of securing a place. Last year, many families of children living outside our priority regions were not offered a place at the school, and for a large number of these families living outside Kent, a place was not available at any of their chosen schools in Kent.

Last year the school was able to offer places to all students in Gravesham as well as most applicants in our “parishes” region. Students living beyond these priority places were not offered places. The year group has a waiting list of over 80 children.

My Child Was Not Successful in his Kent Test

You may still wish to pursue a place at GGS, and the only means by which you can do this is through appeal. Success at appeal is very much dependent on places being available. Do not appeal if you do not have evidence to overturn the outcome of the Kent Test or strong mitigating reasons for your son’s underperformance. Appeals should not be seen as a means of pursuing an application to its ultimate conclusion. An appeal represents an opportunity to address an injustice. Parents must consider the potential impact of placing their child in a school for which they are not suited. Information about the sort of evidence required to support an appeal can be found in our FAQ Appeals document on our website.

Parents wishing to appeal, should place the school as one preference on their SCAF. They should make it their priority to secure an alternative school for their child, and should name other schools ahead of GGS. Appeals will be heard in May/June 2019 and applications to appeal can be made following offers’ day between Friday 1st March and Friday 29th March 2019.

I Need Advice

- Please attend open events and speak with Mr I Cook or other senior staff.
- Read guidance on our website about appeals in the Appeals FAQs document.
- Contact Mr I Cook on cooki@gravesendgrammar.com
- State your query and supply a contact number.