

# Presentation to Y5 Parents Entry to Grammar School 2023

Tuesday 23 May 2023



# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- PESE Test format
- Content of PESE tests
- Key dates for registration and school applications
- CAT test overview
- Shepway and Medway Tests



# PESE TEST FORMAT

- PESE test day – **Thursday 07 September 2023**
- All tests in one day
- 2 tests
  - multiple choice – read by machine
  - Each test 1 hour long
  - Each test contains practice and drill questions
- Writing test – used in borderline cases as evidence
- Scores will be standardised
  - Threshold to be set in line with current procedures using aggregate score and minimum level for a single score
  - **Aggregate score of 332 and no single score less than 109**



# CONTENT OF PESE TEST PAPERS

- **English and Maths**
  - Each subsection – 25 minutes
  - Comprehension questions
  - Literacy based skills – SPAG
  - Maths
- **Reasoning paper**
  - Verbal reasoning
  - Non verbal reasoning
    - 4 sections with individual timings
- **Writing paper**
  - 1 hour
  - Opportunity to “showcase” writing, self expression and Literacy skills.



# KEY DATES FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

- Registration opens 01 June 2023
- Registration closes 03 July 2023
- PESE test date 07 September 2023
- Results of PESE tests 18 October 2023
- SCAF form deadline 31 October 2023
- National Offer Day 01 March 2024

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# CAT TEST OVERVIEW

4 test domains to assess range of natural abilities and competencies

- **Verbal Battery**
  - Verbal classification
  - Sentence completion
  - Verbal analogies
- **Quantative**
  - Equation building
  - Number analogies
  - Number series
- **Non verbal**
  - Figure classification
  - Figure analogies
  - Figure analysis
- **Spatial Ability**



# MAKING DECISIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

- Assessment across a number of academic performance indicators;
  - CATS results
  - Current assessment bands for Maths, Reading, Writing
  - Test data gathered from Y5
- **CATS results**
  - Scores are standardised- raw scores with chronological age weighting
  - **100 = baseline or “average”**
  - **Score equal to or in excess of 110 – good potential**
  - **Scores equal to or in excess of 123 –strong ability**



# SHEPWAY TEST

- Run by Folkestone Grammar School for Girls and Harvey Boys Grammar

## Test Paper Details

- Computer Based test – 45 minutes (CEM Durham University)
  - Comprehension
  - Vocabulary and understanding of words
  - Mathematics
  - Non Verbal reasoning
- Creative Writing – 30 minutes
- Test Date – Saturday 09 September 2023



# MEDWAY TEST

- [https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools\\_and\\_learning/1049/medway\\_test\\_11/2](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1049/medway_test_11/2)

- Registration opens 01 June
- Registration closes 30 June @5pm
- Test date Saturday 17 September
- Results 04 October from 4pm
- 3 papers
  - Extended writing
  - Mathematics
  - Verbal Reasoning

