

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

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| • 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
- 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

