

PESE 2023 – Threshold Statement

Schools which use Synergy will receive information about their pupils' initial assessments and their standardised scores and in the English, Maths and Reasoning tests by this route, with instructions on how a case can be referred to the local Head Teacher Assessment Panel for further consideration using SAM.

For a "Grammar" assessment a pupil needs:

An aggregate score of 332 or more, with no single score lower than 108.

Scores in this year's standardisation run from 69 to 141. 423 is therefore the maximum standardised score any pupil can achieve.

Pupils with a grammar assessment may be offered a place at any type of school, including a grammar school, **subject to local admission criteria. A grammar school assessment does not guarantee that a child will get a grammar school place.** The allocation process uses data from the Secondary Common Application Form to offer parents the highest available of their stated preferences.

Pupils with **an aggregate score lower than 332** will be given a "High School" (H) assessment, as will pupils who have scored **less than 108 on one test**, and may be offered a place at any type of school except a grammar school, subject to local admission criteria.

Where a pupil has been absent for one or more tests and no score is recorded a letter "U" will appear in the assessment column pending late scores, notification of withdrawal from the process, or assessment by HT Panel.

On Tuesday 18 October Kent County Council will use the email address parents supplied on registration to notify them of their child's Kent Test assessment. Parents can also use their login details to view their child's assessment decision and choose whether they wish to look at the child's standardised scores. **Parents must not be told their child's assessment before this date.**

Virtually all registration was again electronic this year, and letters will not be posted to parents. Email notifications will not include outcomes from tests set by individual grammar schools, who will contact parents separately.

Although there is no scope to appeal against the assessment decision itself, parents who name one or more grammar schools on the SCAF have the right appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for admission to the named grammar school(s) once school places have been offered on Wednesday 1 March 2023.