



Year 5

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

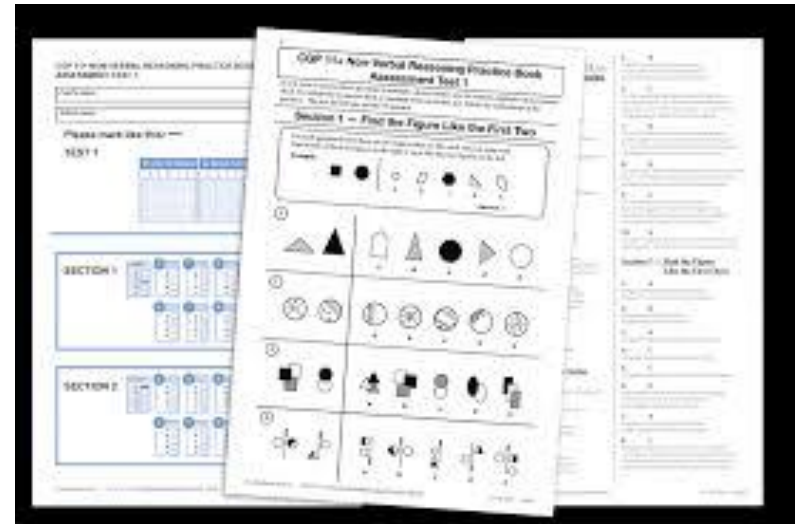
INFORMATION

2025-2026

Purpose of this meeting

- ▶ Aim – To get a greater understanding for considerations regarding the 11 plus testing system
- ▶ - To direct Parent Consultation time from being solely about 11 plus
- ▶ - To support you and your child with secondary transition choices

The 11 plus testing is parent led.
All information regarding dates and submissions does not come to school and paperwork is not completed by the school.



Myths and misconceptions

- ▶ 11 plus test results are linked to school league tables
- ▶ If my child passes the 11 plus they are guaranteed a grammar place
- ▶ If my child does not pass the 11 plus they cannot go to a grammar school
- ▶ I must get a tutor for my child
- ▶ The Kent and Medway tests are the same



What is the Kent test? Sep 2025

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

What is the Medway test? Sep 2025

- ▶ The tests take place in school at Halling Primary School.
- ▶ Children take part in the tests over two days.
- ▶ In 2025 it was as follows:
- ▶ Three papers
- ▶ English (reading comprehension) – Tuesday 30mins
- ▶ Maths – Tuesday 50mins
- ▶ Reasoning – Wednesday 45mins in total
- ▶ NO WRITING

Is the Medway test the same as the Kent Test?

There are differences between the Medway Test and the Kent Test.

The Medway Test has three compulsory papers whereas the Kent Test only has two, with an extra writing paper which is only considered if the mark is borderline.



Halling in Context

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Grammar Test Passes	14	18	17/33 All received a grammar school place
			15/29 Kent 12/26 Medway 10 for both 17 different ch

Schools Halling pupils went to 2023/24/ 2024/25

Comprehensive/High Schools:

- ▶ Aylesford School – 5 13
- ▶ The Malling School – 4 1
- ▶ Holmesdale – 20 18
- ▶ *The Maplesden Noakes School* -1 0
- ▶ *VIAT Science (School of Science and Technology)* -1 0
- ▶ *Strood Academy* -3 3
- ▶ *Cornwallis Academy* – 1 0
- ▶ *Wrotham School* -2 0
- ▶ *Medway Maritime* – 0 1
- ▶ *St Georges (Gravesend)* 0 1

Schools Halling pupils went to 2023/24 – 2024/25

Grammar Schools:

- ▶ Maidstone Grammar School for Boys – 1 2
- ▶ Maidstone Grammar School for Girls – 3 3
- ▶ Invicta Grammar School -3 2
- ▶ *Rochester Mathematical School* – 4 0
- ▶ *Rochester Grammar School* -1 2
- ▶ *Fort Pitt* – 4 5 Co-ed Sep 2026
- ▶ *Holcombe Grammar* – 2 2 Co-ed Sep 2026
- ▶ **Oakwood Park Grammar** 0 1

Independent Schools:

- ▶ Kings School Rochester -1 0

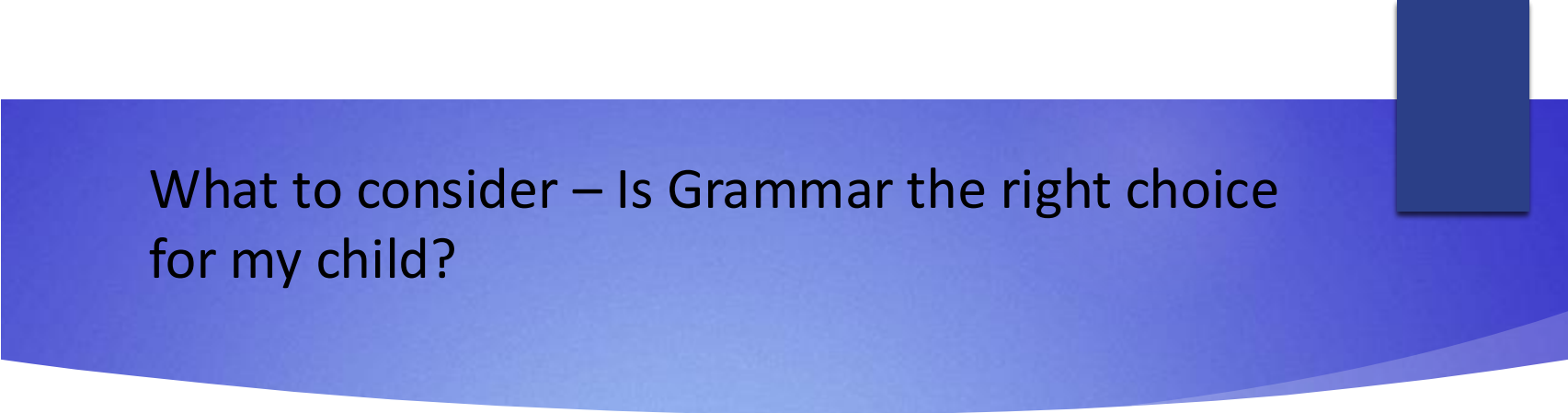
What to consider – Is Grammar the right choice for my child?

1. Can your child cope with disappointment?

If they were not to pass the 11 plus, they will know this in October – Term 1 of Year 6.

If their friends pass, will that cause issues with friendships.

Year 6 is a fun year (and not just because of the teachers). Will it still be fun for your child?



What to consider – Is Grammar the right choice for my child?

2. Is your child able enough to flourish in a grammar environment?

The 11 plus is a set of tests that children are tutored and coached for. School work is not the same. There is no verbal or non-verbal reasoning in lessons. Are you able to be pay for a tutor for the next 7 years if needed? Your child's teacher will tell you what progress they are making next week. Realistically, if your child is on track for high expected or Greater Depth this is a good indicator.

What to consider – Is Grammar the right choice for my child?

3. Will your child cope with the added pressures that a grammar school presents?

Grammar schools take the top 25% of students. Their expectations are extremely high.

Homework and coursework is far more than some comprehensives.

Clubs may have to be attended as well as various trips and other opportunities.

Mr Harrison's Top Tips

Make note of your child's grades and progress at the Parent Consultation

Talk to class teacher informally

Look at your child's books

Buy/download practice papers and see how they do

Do not start too early or do too much – disengagement



I hope that you now have a clearer understanding.

Your child's parent's consultation can be about their progress and their behaviour as you now know what you are looking out for and listening for.

I hope this has helped.

I wish you and your child all the best with this upcoming choice.

Many thanks