

Secondary School Admissions Information for current Year 6

September 2026



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Admission to

secondary school

in Kent 2027

For children born between
1 September 2015 and
31 August 2016,
transferring to secondary
school in **September 2027**



Use the simple, fast and secure way to apply online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Apply by: Monday 2 November 2026



Secondary School Admissions

Who should apply?

For children starting Year 7 in September 2027, applications opened on **1st September 2026** and will close at midnight on **2nd November 2026**.

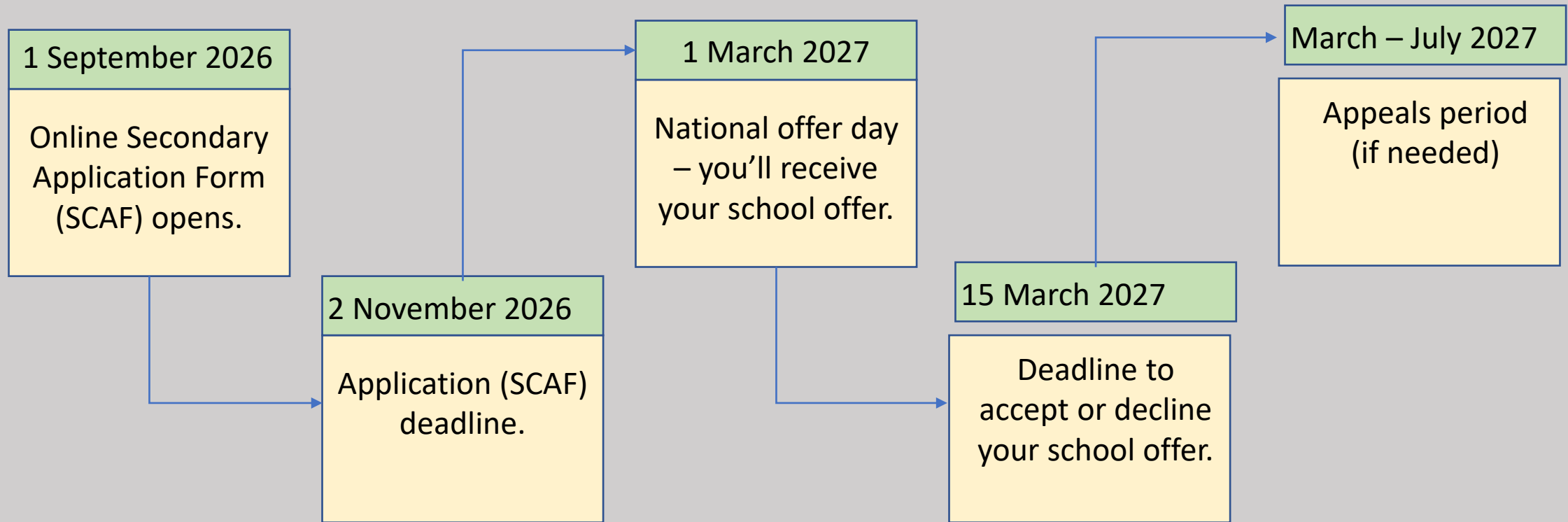
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Important dates



A complete list of important dates can be found on page 5 of the secondary admissions booklet:
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How to Apply

You must apply online through Kent County Council

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

- You can list up to 4 school preferences.
- List them in order of preference (1st choice – most preferred)
- You should use all 4 preferences.
- Applying doesn't guarantee a place.

Kent has a wide range of schools, including all-ability schools, comprehensive schools, academies and grammar schools. More information about the different schools can be found on P54 of the admissions book.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/195646/Secondary-admissions-book.pdf



Choosing the Right Schools

Most secondary schools hold open mornings / evenings in September/October 2026.

We would strongly encourage you to visit any schools you are considering.

Open evenings and tours are a great opportunity to experience the school environment, meet staff and pupils, and get a feel for whether it is the right fit for your child.

Think about:

- What your child's interests are.
- Distance from home.
- Transport options.
- School ethos and values.
- Extracurricular activities.



Choosing the Right Schools

[Herne Bay High School](#)

Open Evening: Wednesday 30th September, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Open Mornings: 6th, 8th and 16th October, 9:00am to 10.15am

[The Whitstable School](#)

Open Evening: Thursday 24th September, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Open Morning Tours: 28th September to 1 October (booking required)

[The Canterbury Academy](#)

Open Evening, Open Morning and Open Saturday events. Various dates in October 2026.

[Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School](#)

Open Evening: Thursday 8th October, 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Open Mornings: 16th, 19th and 20th October (booking required)

[Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys](#)

Open evening: 21st October 5.45pm to 8pm.

Open Days: 19th to 22nd October (booking required)

[Barton Court Grammar School](#)

Open Evenings and Open Mornings available in October via the school's booking system.

[Dane Court Grammar School](#) and [Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School](#)

Various Open Mornings and Evenings in October (booking required)



Top Tips and Useful Links

- ✓ Attend open evenings with your child.
- ✓ Read each school's admission policy carefully.
- ✓ Use all 4 preferences on your application.
- ✓ Apply by 31 October 2026 - late applications are processed after on-time applications.
- ✓ Keep your email address up to date.

Kent County Council Secondary Admissions:

 www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Find and compare schools:

 www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables

Admissions Code and Appeals:

 www.gov.uk/schools-admissions

Admission to secondary school booklet:

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