



To: Primary Headteachers
Dover, Deal, Sandwich & Folkestone

May 2026

Dear Colleague,

Procedure for Transfer to Secondary Education in September 2027

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you well.

As I am sure you are aware, the procedure for transfer to secondary education is currently due to follow the same pattern as last year. Students will be assessed and receive the result of the test before they have to make their selection of schools on the Secondary Common Application Form. The timings of the process have now been published, and I know you will be providing information to parents about this over the coming weeks.

Parents must register for the Kent Test by Wednesday 1st July 2026, whilst students are still in Year 5. If they do **not** register for the test, they will **not** be able to place a grammar school on their SCAF, so it is very important that potential grammar school students and their parents/carers are identified and encouraged to register by this date. We are asking parents to register their son for the Dover Boys Test by **Friday 3rd July 2026. This deadline is a hard deadline, and no late submissions will be accepted.**

In order to receive confirmation of entry and arrival times for the Dover Boys Test by the end of Term 6, the online application form **must** be completed by this date. Parents should complete the application form via this link:

[Dover Boys Test - Application Form for Admission in September 2027 – Fill in form](#)

There is a **Dover Boys Test Information Event** on **Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 5 pm**. Please note that this is **not** an open event, but rather an opportunity to find out more about the arrangements for the Dover Boys Test. Tours will not be available during this event. Full details will be posted in the Admissions section of our school website (dgsb.co.uk) in due course.

Our Year 6 open evening will be on **Thursday 1st October 2026**. There will also be open mornings in early October. Full details will follow shortly and will be published on our website www.dgsb.co.uk.

Students registered for the Kent Test will take it on **Thursday 10th September**; those in non-Kent primary schools will sit the Kent Test on Saturday 12th September. Those boys registered for the Dover Boys Test will take it on **Saturday 12th September 2026** at DGSB. **Should there be any changes to dates/times of the Dover Boys Test, these will be posted on our website and parents/carers should check this regularly.** The results of our Dover Boys Tests will be **posted first class to parents on Thursday 15th October**, and they must complete their SCAF by Monday 2nd November.

With regard to special access arrangements for the Dover Boys Test, I would like to ask for your support. Although we have provided this information to parents/carers and published it on our website, it would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your parents/carers that if their son has been granted special access arrangements for the PESE, they need to ask you, as the child's primary school, to notify us **in writing** of the arrangements so that we can provide the same requirements. Any proposal for alternative access requirements **must** be made to DGSB by **Friday 3rd July 2026 at the latest**. **Parents/carers also need to be aware that if we hear from schools after this deadline, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to put specific access arrangements in place.**

I enclose a number of flyers, and I should be very grateful if you would distribute them to students and parents in Year 5. We are more than happy to talk with your parents about the process if you feel that this would be helpful, whilst of course always being mindful of your need to be even-handed throughout this process.

If I can be of any help at any point over the next few months, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I know how busy you are at the moment, and how many demands there are on your time and resources, so thank you very much indeed in advance for your help and support; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Mr Philip Horstrup
Headteacher