

## **Letter to Schools from Medway Council Information on Changes to Grammar School Selection Process**

This year, following a comprehensive procurement process, Medway Council will be using the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) of the University of Durham as the test provider. We have previously used GL Assessment.

The test papers will still comprise of Extended Writing, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning and the formula to calculate the total weight score remains unchanged. Whilst the areas of ability being assessed remain unchanged, the style and layout of the Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning papers provided by CEM will be different from previous years.

For the papers provided by CEM (Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning):

Each paper will be about an hour long and will comprise several individually timed sections.

Each section will begin with examples describing how to answer that section

Within each section candidates can refer back to the examples as often as they wish to

Candidates will be advised of the time available for each section before the section starts.

As always, Medway Council School Services and School Challenge and Improvement Teams are working closely together to ensure that the test papers offer candidates the best opportunity to achieve their potential.

As in previous years, Medway Council will still provide a familiarisation booklet at the beginning of Year 6 for candidates to go through to help them understand the style and layout of the papers.

I trust that this is of assistance to you all.

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