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Starting secondary school

September 2025

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Closing date for applications is
31 October 2024



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Timeline

1 September 2024 Website opens, and you can apply online at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

September / October 2024 Secondary schools hold Open Days / Evenings. Parents applying for a Voluntary Aided school must complete and return a supplementary information form direct to the school. These forms are available from the school or

www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Friday 25th October 2024 Last Friday before the half-term holiday. We strongly recommend that you submit your application by this date to avoid any delay.

Tuesday 31st October 2024 Closing date for applications. Parents applying for a Voluntary Aided school must complete and return a supplementary information form direct to the school.

Monday 3rd March 2025 Emails sent to parents with the outcome of their application. Please wait until you have received the email before logging on to the **e-Admissions website**.

In some cases, letters will be sent through the post.

Tuesday 18th March 2025 Deadline for acceptance or decline of offer.

Saturday 19th April 2025 Closing date for receipt of appeals.

Waiting List Procedure – If you didn't get your first choice - you will receive a URN and can log on to check position – it can move very quickly, there is a lot of change.

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How the application process works

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

- Apply through Harrow or Hillingdon (form)
 - Six Choices
 - Can include schools from: Harrow, Hillingdon, Brent etc...
 - Also ...Grammar Schools – Barnet, Bucks, Herts
 - Also...Faith Schools (will be required to complete and submit a SIF – direct to the school) Remember to use up all 6 choices
- <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk to apply.

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Harrow – how places were offered for September 2024

School name	Number of applications received	Number of places available	SEN - EHC Plans	Looked-after children	Medical/ Social needs child	Medical parent	Sibling	Children of staff	Feeder school	Random allocation	Practising Hindu parent ISKCON	Practising Hindu parent	Distance criteria	Furthest distance offered in miles*
Avanti House	762	180	9	0	0	0	70	0	64	N/A	15	15	7	0.325
Bentley Wood	674	240	7	0	0	1	58	2	19	93	N/A		60	1.638
Canons High	357	210	2	1	0	0	49	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		104	N/A
Harrow High	477	180	3	0	0	0	39	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		108	N/A
Hatch End	554	210	4	1	0	0	46	2	N/A	N/A	N/A		150	N/A
Nower Hill	1,528	324	22	2	0	1	119	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		180	0.814
Park High	510	270	2	0	0	1	78	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		162	N/A
Pinner High	1,244	180	4	1	1	1	73	4	N/A	N/A	N/A		96	0.597
Rooks Heath	345	210	2	0	0	2	48	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		116	N/A
Salvatorian	295	150	Information for Salvatorian College and The Sacred Heart Language College can be obtained directly from the school											
Sacred Heart	325	150												
Whitefriars	274	60	1	0	0	0	15	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		44	1.511
Whitmore	1,552	270	15	1	0	3	87	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		163	0.717

Hillingdon – how places were offered

	Published Admission Number (PAN)	Total on-time applications received for preferences 1 to 6	On-time first preference applications received	First preference offered	Furthest distance offered under the distance criterion (metres)
Barnhill Community High School	240	690	263	180	1804
Bishop Ramsey C of E School	186	588	159	109	N/A (F)
Bishopshalt School	186	1165	291	138	1543.48
The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School	240	708	165	113	N/A (F)
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy*	150	313	120	86	N/A (F)
Harefield School	90	110	20	20	N/A (U)
Harlington School	240	517	174	151	2732.77
Haydon School	300	445	73	73	N/A (U)
Hewens College	120	190	26	26	N/A (U)
Northwood School	180	809	216	124	1323.08
Oak Wood School	240	573	105	91	N/A (U)
Park Academy West London	180	250	92	92	N/A (U)
Queensmead School	240	776	259	172	1191.79
Rosedale College*	180	469	120	107	N/A (U)
Ruislip High School	210	954	223	160	1509.45
Swakeleys School for Girls	240	542	202	153	N/A (B)
Uxbridge High School*	240	999	268	146	3055.46
Vyners School	240	1176	356	196	1715.74

Open Days - Harrow

Avanti House	Open Evening Wednesday 18 September 2024 , 5pm – 8.30pm Open Mornings Monday 23 September to Thursday 26 September 2024 from 9.30am by appointment with the school.	Pinner High School	Open Evening Thursday 17 October 2024 5.30pm and 7pm – Head's talk and school tour for parents/carers and children No booking required Open Morning Monday 7 October 2024 9am – 10.15am and 11am – 12.15pm – school tour only for parents/carers and children to see the school during the normal working day. Booking required. Sixth Form Open Evening – TBC – Thursday 10 October 2024 5.30pm – 7pm. No booking required.
Bentley Wood High School	Open Evening Thursday 12 September 2024 , 6.30pm – 9pm Open Mornings Monday 16 September – Friday 20 September 2024 , 9am – 12 noon	Rooks Heath School	Open Evening Tuesday 10 September 2024 6.45pm with Open Mornings available on request between 9.10am – 10.30am
Canons High School	Open Evening Wednesday 9 October 6pm – 8.30pm Open Mornings Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 October , 9am – 10am	The Sacred Heart Language College	Open Evening Wednesday 11 September 2024 , 6.30pm – 8.30pm Open Evening Thursday 19 September 2024 , 4pm – 6pm
Harrow High School	Open Evening Wednesday 25 September 2024 , 6.30pm Open Morning Tours by appointment – please contact the school	Salvatorian College	Open Evening Tuesday 1 October (5.30pm – 7.30pm) Open Mornings Commencing from Thursday 3 October (9am – 10am, by appointment)
Hatch End High School	Open Evening Tuesday 24 September 2024 , 5.30pm – 8pm (Headteacher's Speech at 5.30pm and 7pm) Open Mornings Thursday 26 September and Friday 27 September 2024 , 9.15am – 10.30am Please book for both events via the school website.	Whitefriars	Open Evening Thursday 26 September 2024 , 4.30pm – 7.30pm (Headteachers talk at 5pm and 6.30pm) Open week beginning Monday 30 September 2024 – Bookable tours at 9am
Nower Hill High School	Open Mornings All week Monday 23 September to Friday 27 September 2024 Information, presentations and tours for parents/carers and children to see the school in the normal working day commence at 9am and finish at 11am each day. Places for any of the five Open Mornings can be booked via the link on the school website from the start of September.	Whitmore High School	Open Day/Evening Monday 16 September 2024 3.30pm – 5.30pm and 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Park High School	Open Evening Thursday 19 September 2024 6pm – 8pm (last admission 7.30pm) Open Mornings Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26 September and Wednesday 2 and Wednesday 9 October 2024 (Please book via the link on the school website from the start of September)		

Hillingdon secondary schools open evenings

School	Date	SIF required
Barnhill School	Thursday 12 September	No
Bishop Ramsey CofE	Thursday 3 October	Yes*
Bishopshalt School	Tuesday 10 September	No
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy	Tuesday 1 October	Yes*
Haydon School	Thursday 19 September	No
Harefield School	Thursday 17 September	No
Harlington School	Tuesday 24 September	No
Hewens College	Thursday 26 September	No
Northwood School	Wednesday 2 October	No
Oak Wood School	Wednesday 18 September	No
Park Academy West London	Wednesday 11 September	No
Queensmead School	Wednesday 18 September	No
Rosedale College	Tuesday 17 September	No
Ruislip High School	Thursday 26 September	No
Swakeleys School	Thursday 12 September	Yes*
The Douay Martyrs	Thursday 19 September	Yes*
Uxbridge High School	Monday 23 September	No
Vyners School	Wednesday 25 September	No

Hints and tips on choosing a school

- Think what kind of school your child is best suited to: You may want to think about whether you want a same-sex school, a faith-based school, a school with a specialism in the arts, sports, science etc, a uniform vs. non-uniform school, whether there are breakfast/after-school clubs, and travel to and from school.
- Familiarise yourself with the admissions criteria for schools.
- Look at the information on how places were allocated in previous year.
- Look at the school Ofsted report / school website. Schools do change over time so it is important to get your information from a variety of sources and remember that not everything you hear about a school may still be true.
- During your research, you will need to read the admissions criteria for the school(s) you want to apply to.

To give you some samples of what to check for:

- Church / faith schools will give priority to applicants that can demonstrate practice of their faith.
- Not all schools give priority to siblings, or there may be restrictions for siblings in Sixth Form.
- Distance from home to school is often used as tie-breaker. Distance is usually measured in a straight line from your house to the centre of the school (but it can be different in some cases).
- Some schools use random allocation (lottery).
- Some schools will have medical and social criteria but only if you meet certain conditions – [see page 15](#).
- Some schools will give priority to staff who work for the school for a certain number of years or in hard to recruit subjects.
- Some schools outside the borough may have additional criteria that are to do with streaming, testing, banding, musical or sporting ability, catchment or priority areas.
- Make sure you submit your application on time – if you miss the deadline your application won't be considered until after the National Offer Day.

Top tips when choosing your preferences

- **Be realistic when deciding your preferences** – your child may end up without a preference school offer if you do not meet a high enough criterion for the schools you apply for. This may happen, for example, if you live too far from the school or if you name a faith school and do not meet the faith criteria.
- **Try to use all six preferences** – or as many as you can. Failure to do so will restrict our ability to offer you a place at a school of your choice if the other preferences cannot be met. If you only apply to one school, you will only be considered for one school. You are, therefore, missing the opportunity to be considered for other schools should your preference not be successful.
- **Include your local school in your preferences** – even if you list the school as your lowest preference. Failure to apply now may mean the school is full after offer day.
- **Do not make decisions based on other people's opinions or experiences.** Your situation is different and things change every year.
- **Choosing your preference.** You should list your preferences in the order you would like us to consider them if more than one school is able to make an offer. We recommend putting your favourite school as first preference, even if you think it's unlikely that that school will be able to make an offer.

How the application process works

On your application form you will be asked to list six schools, ranked in order of preference. You must name the schools that you wish to apply for, in the order you prefer them. You do not need to use all six preferences, however, we strongly advise that you do use all six preferences. There is no advantage in naming only one school. Once the closing date has passed on 31 October 2024, the admissions process will begin.

How the preference system works

All the applications we receive will be considered individually against the criteria published in this guide. Each school will then allocate its places to the children with highest priority under its own admissions criteria.

Each school you name on your application is considered separately. That means that if you have entered six preferences, your child could be allocated as many as six places.

When children are allocated a place at more than one school, the system refers to the order of preference that you have listed on your application form.

It will then keep the offer at the school you have ranked highest, and take your child's name off the list for their lower-ranked preferences. These places will then be allocated to the children with next-highest priority under those schools' admissions criteria.

Children will only be offered one school place.

When children are not allocated a place at any of their schools of preference, they will be offered a place at the closest Harrow school to their home address that still has vacancies once the above admissions process is complete. Councils will not pass on details of where the school was ranked on your application to schools. No school will be told about other schools listed on your application.

Extremely important advice about the preference system

Harrow has many oversubscribed schools. Every year there are children in Harrow who are not allocated a place at any of their schools of preference. These children will receive an offer for a place, but it will be at a school which they did not choose. These places may be at a considerable distance from their home.

If you wish to have the best chance of avoiding this, and avoiding other common mistakes in the applications process, please consider the following advice when making your application:

- Use all six preferences available to you.
- Use one or more of your preferences on the school or schools nearest your home. The most common admissions tie-breaker for an oversubscribed school is distance from home to school.
- To find out which are your local Harrow schools, you can use the [online distance tool](#).
- Remember to list the school you like the most as first preference, the school you like the second-most as second preference and so on, regardless of its popularity or historical oversubscription.
- Remember to fill out and submit a [Supplementary Information Form](#) if you are applying to a Catholic school (The Sacred Heart Language College or the Salvatorian College).

Reasons for preference

When you complete the application, there is a space for each preference where you can note why you have selected a school. This information will be passed to the school. The box is optional and will only affect your application if it relates directly to the school's admissions criteria.

Waiting lists

After the admissions process is complete, we strongly advise that you accept the place your child has been offered.

If you have not been allocated a place at your first preference school, your child's name will be placed on a waiting list for all the schools which you ranked as a higher preference than the school where you received an offer. Your child will remain on these waiting lists even after you accept your offered place.

Waiting lists are not a 'first come, first served' list and so time on the list does NOT give any priority.

Waiting lists remain in the priority order as determined during the admissions process. This means that your child may move down the waiting list if another child, with a higher priority under the admission arrangements, is added (for instance, through a late application).

- Places are offered from the waiting list throughout the year. If a place is offered from the waiting list, this new offer will supersede any previous offer, which will then be withdrawn. Waiting lists can be [viewed online via MyHarrow](#). Children's names will remain on the waiting lists for Harrow Schools until the end of the 2025/26 academic year.

Why do some children get places at schools they haven't applied for?

If, at the end of the application process, your child cannot be offered a place at any of the schools on their application, your child will be allocated a place at the closest Harrow school to their home which still has a vacancy.

In nearly every case where this type of allocation occurs, parents are happy with the alternative offered. It is always a good idea to contact the school where you have been offered a place. This gives you a chance to see the school, rather than rely on what you have heard, and discuss any worries you have with staff. However, if you are still unhappy about the school offered you may decide to use the appeals process.

Accepting a place

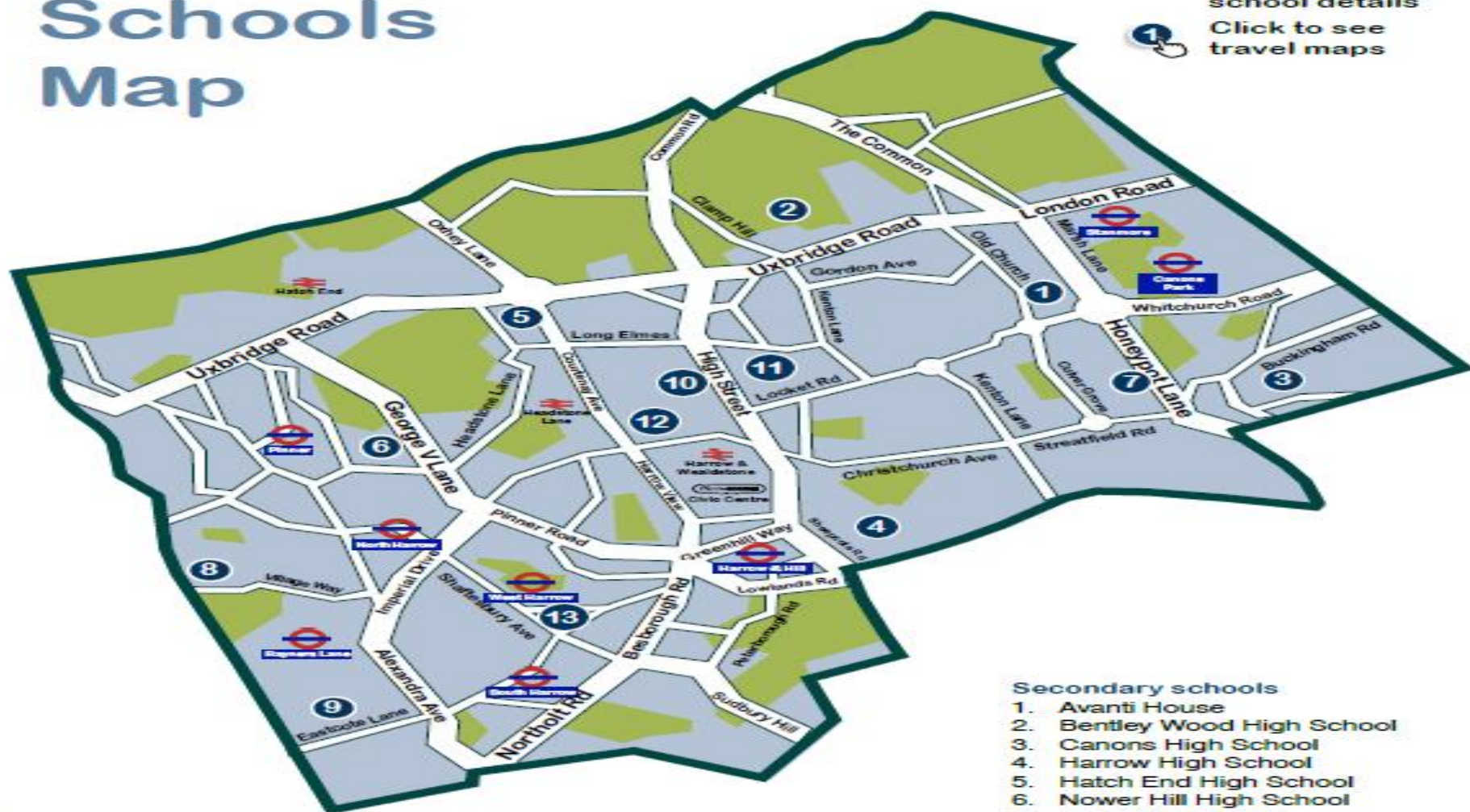
Every parent who has applied online for a Secondary place for their child will receive an email on **3 March 2025** to offer their child a place. You will need to log back into the [e-admissions website](#) and accept the offered place.

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Secondary Schools Map

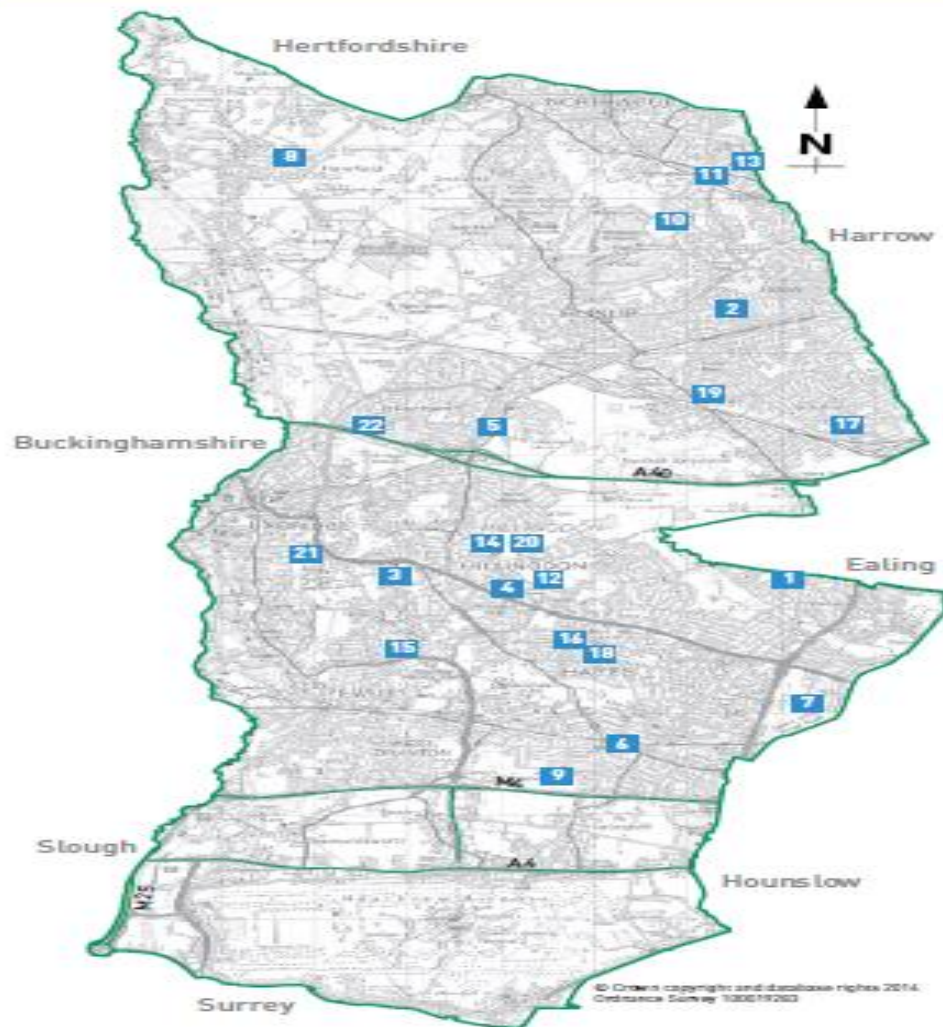
- 1 Hover over the location to see school details
- 1 Click to see travel maps



Secondary schools

1. Avanti House
2. Bentley Wood High School
3. Canons High School
4. Harrow High School
5. Hatch End High School
6. Nower Hill High School
7. Park High School
8. Pinner High School
9. Rooks Heath College
10. Salvatorian College
11. The Sacred Heart Language College
12. Whitefriars School
13. Whitmore High School

Where to find secondary schools in Hillingdon



Key

- A** Academy
- F** Foundation school
- S** Studio college (14 to 19 year olds only)
- U** University technical college (14 to 19 year olds only)

Please note: Each school's status is correct at the time of publication.

- 1** **A** Barnhill Community High School
Hayes [DfE 5412]
- 2** **A** Bishop Ramsey C of E School
Ruislip [DfE 4600]
- 3** **A** Bishopshalt School
Hillingdon [DfE 5400]
- 4** **S** De Salis Studio College
Hayes [DfE 4009]
- 5** **A** The Douay Martyrs School
Ickenham [DfE 5408]
- 6** **U** Global Academy
Hayes [DfE 4014]
- 7** **A** Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
Hayes [DfE 4654]
- 8** **A** The Harefield Academy
Harefield [DfE 6906]
- 9** **F** Harlington School
Hayes [DfE 5411]
- 10** **A** Haydon School
Eastcote [DfE 5401]
- 11** **U** UTC Heathrow
Northwood [DfE 4024]
- 12** **A** Hewens College
Hayes [DfE 5407]
- 13** **A** Northwood School
Northwood [DfE 5405]
- 14** **F** Oak Wood School
Hillingdon [DfE 5409]
- 15** **A** Park Academy West London
Viewsley [DfE 4021]
- 16** **S** Parkside Studio College
Hayes [DfE 4000]
- 17** **A** Queensmead School
South Ruislip [DfE 5403]
- 18** **A** Rosedale College
Hayes [DfE 5406]
- 19** **A** Ruislip High School
Ruislip Manor [DfE 4023]
- 20** **A** Swakeleys School for Girls
Hillingdon [DfE 5410]
- 21** **A** Uxbridge High School
Uxbridge [DfE 5404]
- 22** **A** Vyners School
Ickenham [DfE 5402]

Hertfordshire South West Consortium

The South West Hertfordshire School Admissions Consortium consists of the following schools:

- Croxley Danes (music only)
- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Parmiter's
- Queens'
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

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Hertfordshire - South West Herts-11 Plus



The Schools Admissions Code, that came into effect in 2012, stated that by law, schools must take all reasonable steps to inform parents of the outcome of tests before the closing deadline for the Common Application form (CAF) on October 31st.

There are no fully selective grammar schools remaining in the county of Hertfordshire, but there are several high-performing partially selective schools. Competition for places is extremely fierce.

Hertfordshire operates a Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, which includes the partially-selective schools in this section.

The schools that are, broadly speaking, treated as being in Hertfordshire (because of historic geographic links) are:

- [The South-West Herts Consortium Schools](#)
- [Other partially selective schools in Herts](#) that are not part of the consortium
- Three wholly selective [grammar schools in the London Borough of Barnet](#) and one partially selective school
- One wholly selective [school \(Latymer\) in the London Borough of Enfield](#)

South-West Herts Consortium Schools

Seven partially selective schools in South-west Hertfordshire administer their 11+ tests as a consortium, sometimes referred to as the South-West Herts Consortium of Schools.

A percentage of places in each school are available in merit order by reference to academic ability. All applicants must take a mathematics and verbal reasoning test. No minimum score is required to gain admission.

A percentage of places are offered in all the Consortium schools except Bushey Meads on the basis of proven aptitude in Music. All applicants under this criteria have to take a written music test administered by the SW Herts Consortium. The test does not require any previous knowledge of music or music theory.

Applicants who achieve the qualifying score are invited back for a 2nd stage practical musical assessment. Places are offered on the basis of scored achieved in the 2nd stage.

Bushey Meads offer an additional test which is called the Technological Aptitude Test, based on non-verbal reasoning consisting of two multiple choice papers. 17 places are offered in descending order of scores. This is an additional test and is entirely optional. However, all applicants have to sit the Consortium Test.

Queens offer a few places with those with exceptional sporting ability and live within the catchment area. Applicants have to take the PE Aptitude Test which cover the core movement skills. The tests have been selected by the Council of European Physical Fitness

Details can be found [HERE](#)

SW Herts 11plus

Key Dates

April – registration for tests opens

June – registration for the tests closes

September – academic, music and sports aptitude tests

Mid October – scores notified to parents

October 31st application deadline

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Admissions Information for September 2021 Entry

PLACES	Please see table below
CLOSING DATES	31st October 2020 for CAF form Closes – Fri 19th June 2020
11+ TEST DATES	Academic Test – Sat 5th September 2020 Music Test Round One – Mon 7th September 2020 Music Test Round Two – Mon 21st September 2020 Sports (Queens' School Only) – Fri 11th September 2020 and Tue 15th September 2020
TEST TYPES	Academic Test – Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning by GL Assessment in multiple choice format Music Test Round One – consists of 60 questions in four sections based on a CD being played Round Two – consists of a 3 minute performance Sports test – based on Eurofit tests and consists of seven events
SCORES NOTIFIED TO PARENTS	Wed 14th October 2020
FAMILIARISATION PAPER	click here
ALLOCATION	March 2021
ADMISSIONS	South West Herts Schools Consortium

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Key Dates for Secondary Transfer 2025 – SW Herts

Online registration for the tests opens	Monday 8th April
Registration Closes	Friday 14th June
Date of Test Venue Notification	Friday 5th July (around noon)
Special Provision Notification Deadline	If your child usually receives extra time or special intervention in class then you will be asked to upload this to the portal during application, so please have this ready prior to/at the time of application. This must include a copy of written evidence from your Primary School Head or SENDCo, and must be uploaded when you submit your application form. The last date for this is Friday 14th June when the portal closes. If you do not submit your evidence prior to the deadline, you will not be able to upload this information and we will not be able to offer the special provision requested on the main test day and your child will be offered the requested provision on the reserve test day, the date for which will be communicated to you separately. There is no facility to send hard copy documents by post. If you do not have a scanning facility, please ask your child's primary school to assist you. If you are trying to submit evidence after the deadline, please email the Consortium Administration Team
Academic Test	Saturday 7th September
Music Test	Monday 9th September
Sports (Queens' School Only) The PE Aptitude Test is for applicants to Queens' School only. Owing to the overwhelming response to this test, we stress that only those with exceptional sporting ability and who live within our catchment area (WD3-WD7, WD17-WD19, WD23-WD25, AL2 (South of M25), HA6, HA5 3**, HA5 4**, HA3 6**, HA7 3**, HA7 4**) have a realistic chance of achieving a place through this route.	Wednesday 11th September Timings for your child's test will be sent directly to you from Queens' School. Any queries in this regard must be sent directly to admissions@queens.herts.sch.uk
Children who have a sibling who will be attending Queens' School at the time of admission need not apply for this test.	
First Round Music Scores Notified to Parents	Thursday 19th September (around noon)
Start of Second Round Music Tests	Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September
Scores Notified to Parents	Wednesday 16th October (around noon – it will <u>not</u> be at 9.00am)
Secondary Application Deadline	Thursday 31st October

Other Selective Schools

Barnet Selective Schools

Henrietta Barnett

QE Boys

Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools

Chesham Grammar

Dr Challoner's Grammar School (Boys)

Dr Challoner's High School (Girls)

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Independent Sector

- Merchant Taylor's
- St Helen's
- Haberdasher's
- Northwood College
- Harrow
- North London Collegiate School (NLCS)
- John Lyon
- Royal Masonic

The Application Process

Individual application for each school

Register interest

Apply by 31st Oct

Exams in 1st or 2nd week January

Interviews – end of January/beginning of February

End of February offers made

Art, music, drama and sports scholarships are available

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