

Secondary Transition 2027/28



Aims of the meeting

- Advice and signposting on how to apply to a secondary school
- Information from invited secondary schools with an opportunity to ask questions
- Information on how Sudbourne will support this process

You should

- Find out as much as you can about the schools you are considering, this work starts now as open days are right at the beginning of September for many schools so start looking at websites now!
- Look closely at the admissions criteria for the schools and consider 'does my child meet this'
- In September apply online via;
<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/secondary-school-admissions>

You should

- When looking at schools that you are interested in, check if they require a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** and when the deadline for this will be, as this is individual to some schools and has a differing date to the main Lambeth admissions.
- Ensure your child sits the admissions/fair banding test where required, as this also impacts upon the chances of your child gaining a place.

The process of applying

- This is for pupils who DO NOT have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), as such pupils' applications are dealt with via the SEND Team and applications have an earlier deadline. Ms Gregory will assist with this.
- Parents/Carers only need to complete ONE Common Application Form (CAF) to apply for up to six schools anywhere in London. This excludes fee paying schools.
- There is one London deadline for the CAF - usually the end of October.
- All parents/carers who apply on time will know what school their child has been offered, in the beginning of March 2027. This offer will be the highest preference offer that can be made.

Highest preference

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- If your child is offered school 3 for example, you will automatically be added to the waitlist for school 2 and 1.
- School 3 is higher than school 4, 5 and 6 so you will not be added to their wait list.
- If you do not list 6 schools and you are not successful on the ones you list Lambeth will allocate a school.

What the procedure cannot do

- It cannot guarantee every child a school place in March 2027.
- It cannot guarantee each child will get a place at their first preference school.
- It cannot limit some multiple offers being made after March 2027, (but Lambeth School Admissions Team will be aware of them and ensure that Parents/Carers reject one of these offers quickly). For example you could be offered school 1 and 2 at the same time.



The Year 6 Wandsworth test

- Some Wandsworth secondary schools use partial-selection or fair banding as part of their admission criteria. The Year 6 admissions test is designed to provide these schools with the data they need to make offer decisions.
- They are now accepting test registrations for children starting secondary school in 2027. The closing date for test registration is **Thursday 3 September 2026**.
- All children applying for **Ashcroft Technology Academy, Burntwood School, Chestnut Grove Academy or Graveney School** must be registered to be invited to take the test.



The Year 6 Wandsworth test

- <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-year-6-test/>
- They will write to you by email with details of where and when your child will take the test. Test venues will not necessarily be a school you are considering applying to . Invitations will be emailed by **Friday 18 September 2026**.
- The test will be held over four days during term time. Thursday 24 September, Friday 25 September, Saturday 26 September and Monday 28th September 2026 - at a secondary school test venue.



The Year 6 Wandsworth test

- If your child has an EHCP, they do not have to take the test. If your child receives SEN support, view the test structure for more information and consider if you need to apply for extra time.
- You will be notified by email of your child's test results on or before Friday 23rd October 2026
- If you are considering applying for a specialist aptitude place at a Wandsworth school, you will have to take the particular school's aptitude test as well as the Wandsworth Year 6 Test.

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/secondary-school-admissions/specialist-aptitude-tests/>

Telephone: 020 8871 7316

Email: year6test@wandsworth.gov.uk

Lambeth fair banding

- Some schools require children to sit a test. It is vital that your child sits the tests required for the schools you apply for, otherwise this will significantly reduce the likelihood of your child gaining a place at the school.
- In Lambeth the ability banding test is used to ensure children of all abilities are considered for a place. The date for the test is TBC (usually in November) and is required for the following schools:
 - Dunraven School**
 - Lilian Baylis Technology School**
 - The Norwood School**
 - Platanos College**
- Your child will be invited to sit the test once an on time SIF has been received by the relevant school.

Lambeth fair banding

- Fair banding is designed to ensure that children have an equal chance of gaining a place at a school regardless of their academic ability or their family circumstances. Under the School Admissions Code, fair banding is considered good practice.
- Banding means that schools have to offer as many places to middle and lower ability children as to high achieving pupils. In Lambeth this is allocated at 20% to each of the five bands.
- Being in a higher band doesn't mean your child is more likely to get a place: schools are not allowed to use banding tests as a way of admitting more high ability children than low ability pupils.
- If there are more children in a band than places available, schools will apply their individual oversubscription criteria (such as distance from the school).

What we are doing to support this process in school

- We will continue to offer practice opportunities in school to all Year 5 children. This is to support the children to enter a test situation that they may not encountered before.
- Your children currently have a specific reading lesson 5x per week. In these sessions children read passages of text and answer questions that allow them to show understanding of the text. This is called verbal reasoning.
- We will offer discrete lessons in school, in September, where children can solve problems, presented in diagram and picture form. This is called non verbal reasoning. These are often multiple choice questions or spot the odd one out.

Open events

- Open events give parents a glimpse into the secondary school experience, you will have a chance to engage with the staff, students and have a tour of the school.
- You will have to book your place to attend these events on the secondary schools website / via email
- More information will be provided from the schools present of when these events will take place

Parents preparation for Years 5 & 6

- <https://atomlearning.com/> - subscription online platform
- <https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-materials/> - free practice papers
- <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/preparing-for-the-11-plus-with-cgp/free-11-plus-practice-tests> - free practice papers
- <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/11-plus-13-plus-books/11> - books you could buy
- In school support offer for all

School contact

- If you require any additional support completing your child's application form you can please contact Ms Donegal (Sudbourne) or Ms Diacos (Clapham Manor)
- Email- admin@sudbourne.com
- Email - admin@clapham-manor.co.uk