

Belleville

Primary School



Secondary Transfer

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Welcome

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We will put these slides on the school website after tonight.

If you have any specific questions relating to your child, please contact your child's class teacher via the office or speak to them in the playground.

Aims of this presentation:

- Clarify types of secondary schools
- Outline the application process
- Provide support to fill in the form
- Explain what to do with an offer
- Explain Independent schools process

State Maintained

- Community Schools
Council responsible for admission policy
- Academy
Governors/ Trustees responsible for admission policy
- Voluntary Aided (*often faith schools*)
Governors responsible for admission policy
- Grammar Schools (*Sutton, Kingston - not in Wandsworth*)
Selective totally by academic ability

Independent

- Private
- Fee-paying
- Day and boarding
- Girls, boys and mixed
- Scholarships
- Bursary

APPLY BY 31 OCTOBER 2022

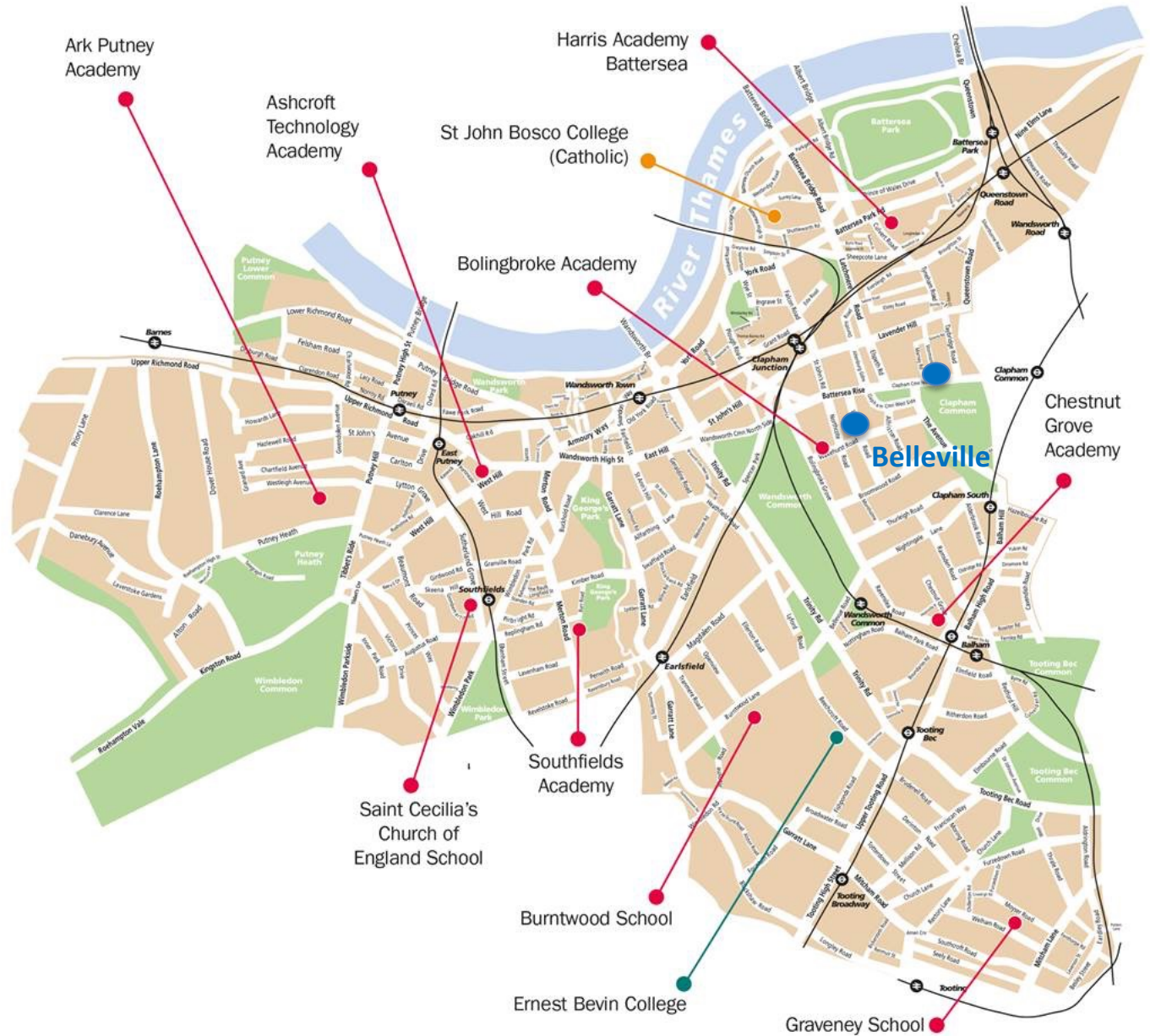
Choose a
Wandsworth
**SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

A guide for admission to secondary schools
in Wandsworth in September 2023.

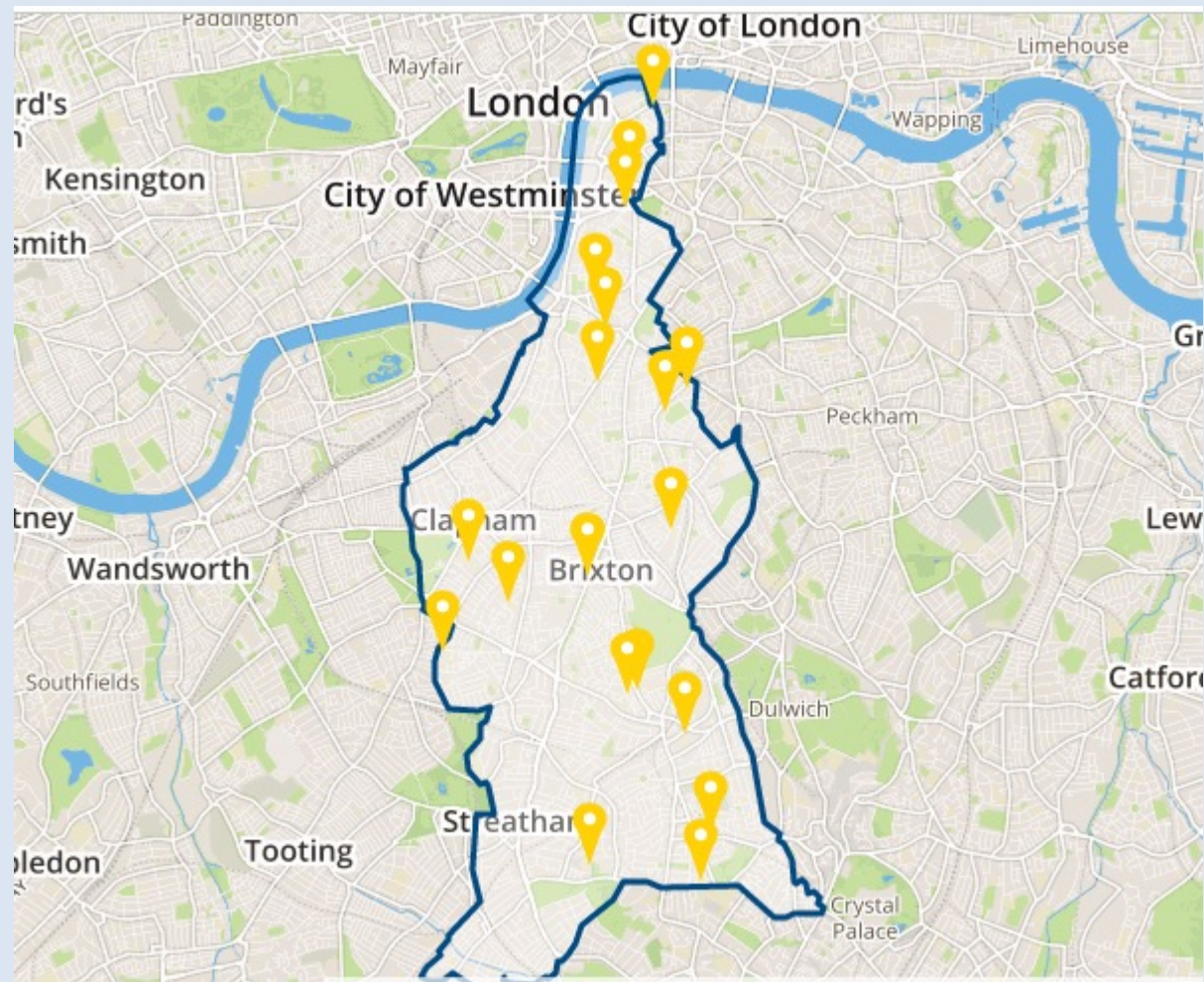


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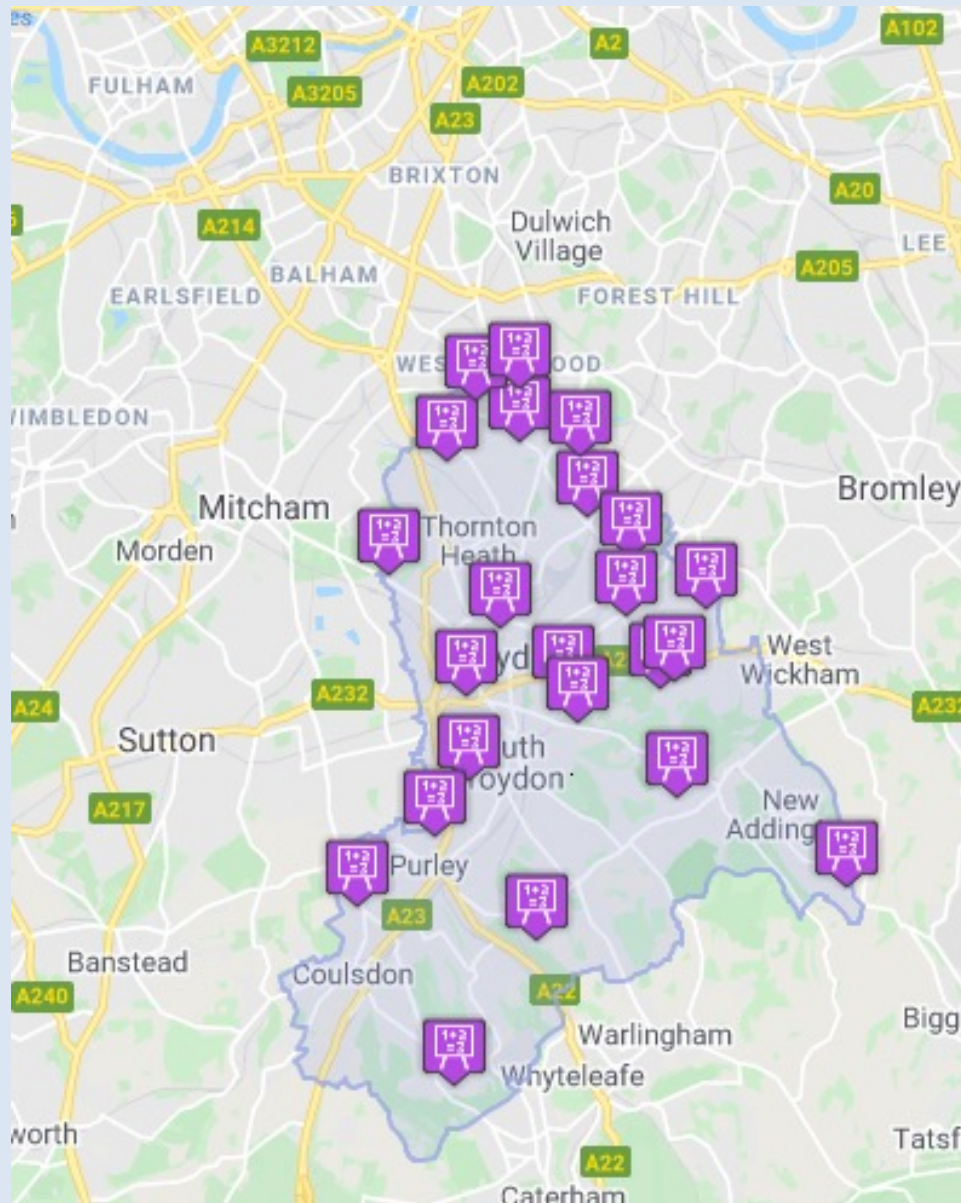
State Secondary Schools in Wandsworth



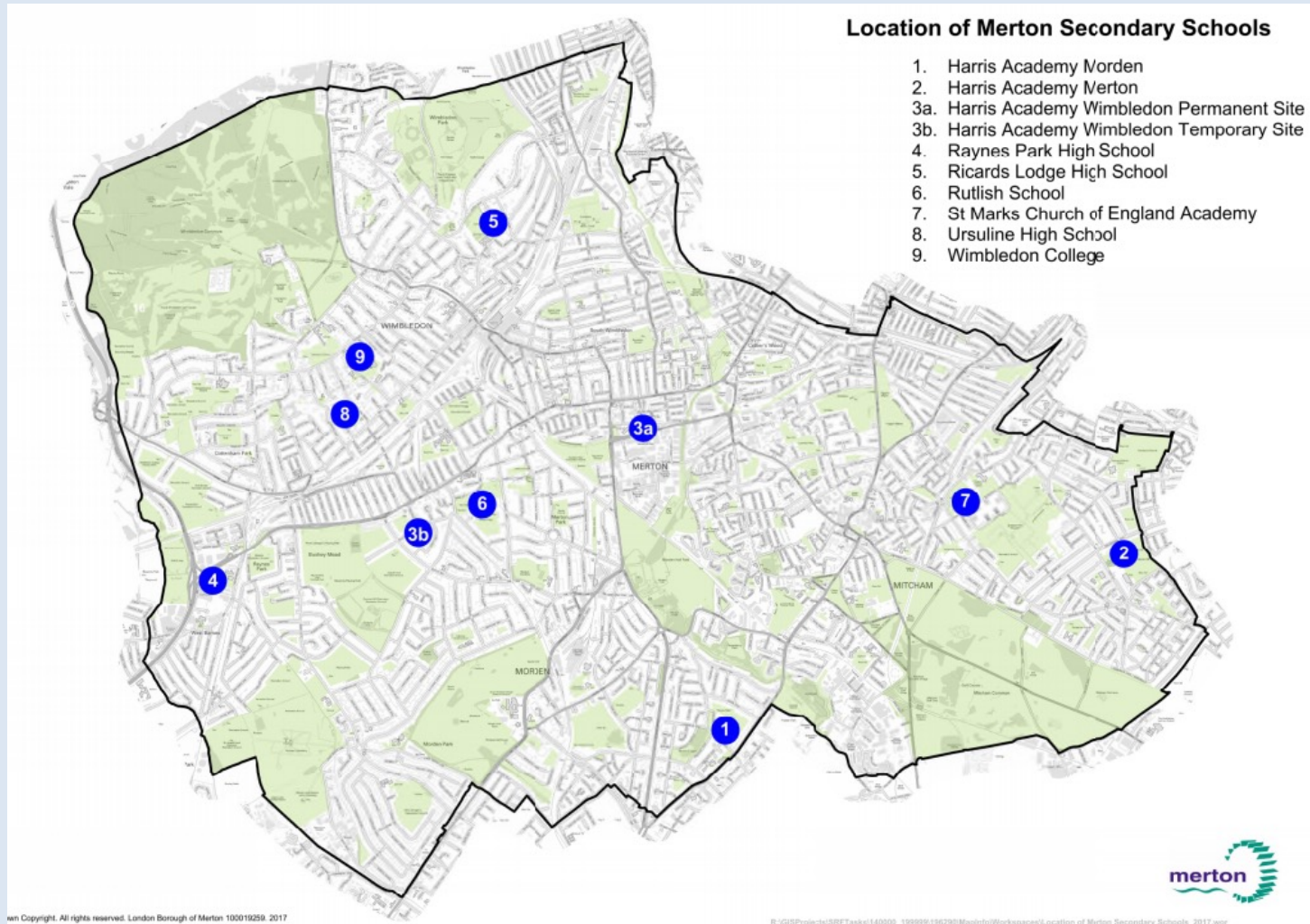
State Secondary Schools in Lambeth



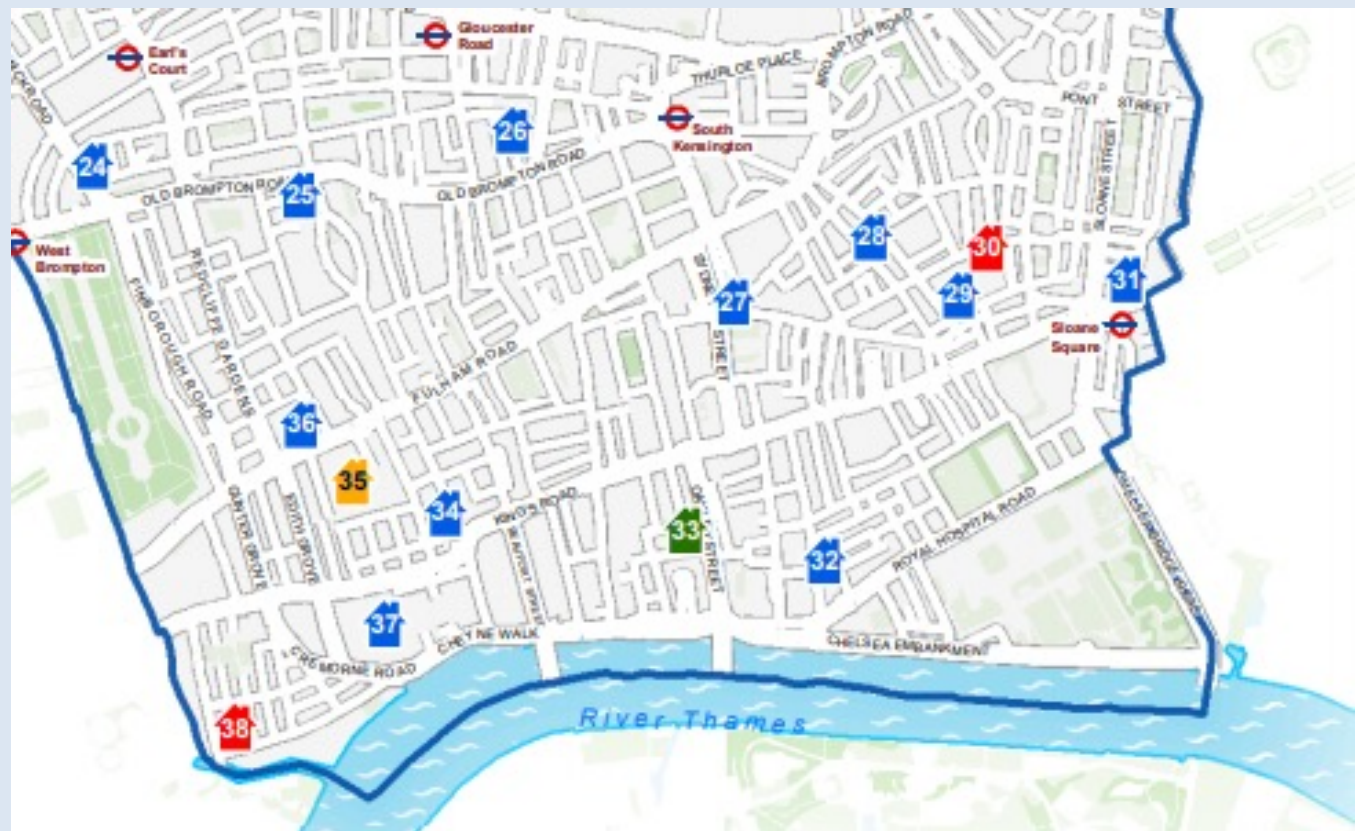
State Secondary Schools in Croydon



State Secondary Schools in Merton



**State Secondary
Schools
in Kensington
and Chelsea
(Red)**



Types of places

- **Non-selective**

Looked-after children; SEND (EHCP); siblings; distance

Ark Putney, Bolingbroke, Chestnut Grove, Harris Battersea, St Cecilia's, St John Bosco, Southfields

- **Banding**

Wandsworth Test results are divided into 5 equal groups and 20% of places are allocated from each group or band.

Ashcroft, Chestnut Grove

- **Selective**

Some places are offered based on highest Wandsworth Test score.

Burntwood, Graveney

- **Specialist**

There are additional assessments in certain subjects – apply in Autumn term.

Ashcroft (technology), St Cecilia's (music) and Chestnut Grove (Art, Languages)

The process

- September and October visit schools – try to go in person, with your child, during school day
 - Whenever possible, please bring them in to register and then sign them out to keep attendance up
- From September - specialist places application and assessments
- Thursday 29th September 2022 – Wandsworth Test
- **Submit one form by 31st October for any London state school**
- March – school offers
- Appeal process and waiting list movement

Collecting information

- 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School'
- Websites
- Contact schools for prospectus
- Admission criteria (applicants vs places)
- Curriculum aims/ ethos
- Activities offered
- Ofsted/ performance tables
- Distance/ travel costs
- Talk to your child (every child is different)
- Visit as many schools as you can

Belleville Pupil Destinations

State Schools in Wandsworth

Wandsworth Secondary School	Number of Belleville Pupils				
	2018 <i>(110 pupils)</i>	2019 <i>(106 pupils)</i>	2020 <i>(114 pupils)</i>	2021 <i>(95 pupils)</i>	2022 <i>(105 pupils)</i>
ARK Putney Academy	3			1	
Ashcroft Technology Academy	4	4	2	1	2
Bolingbroke Academy	39	53	42	29	55
Burntwood School	4	2	2	3	1
Chestnut Grove	2		1	1	1
Ernest Bevin College			1		
Graveney School*	7	4	9	7	10
Harris Academy, Battersea	6	4	1	2	3
St John Bosco	1	1	1		1
Saint Cecilia's C of E School		2	2	4	
Southfields Community College	1		1		

We also have children who transfer to SEND special schools – Garratt Park and Paddock.

State Schools in other London Boroughs

Secondary School	Number of Belleville Pupils				
	2018 <i>(110 pupils)</i>	2019 <i>(106 pupils)</i>	2020 <i>(114 pupils)</i>	2021 <i>(95 pupils)</i>	2022 <i>(105 pupils)</i>
Chelsea Academy		1	1	1	1
Chertsey High School				1	
Coombe Boys		1			
Coombe Girls					1
Fulham Cross Academy					1
Harris Academy, Clapham	Opened in September 2020			1	
Harris Academy, Wimbledon	1				
Hurlingham and Chelsea			1		1
Kingsdale School		3	3		
La Retraite				1	
Lady Margaret School	1				
Lambeth Academy	1		1		
Langley School for Girls	1				
Northwood					1
Oasis Academy South Bank					1
Ricards Lodge					1
Royal Alexandra and Albert School			1		
St Martin in the Fields High School				2	
The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial RC School		2			
The Grey Coat Hospital School			1		
Ursuline High School	1	1			1
Wilson's Grammar School			1		
Wimbledon College	1				

Prior to 2018, we have also had children transfer to:

- Camden School for Girls
- Carshalton High School for Boys
- Carshalton High School for Girls
- Dunraven
- Fulham College Boys School
- Harris Academy, Purley
- Hollyfield School
- Jewish Community Secondary
- Norbury Manor College
- Nonsuch High School
- Norwood Girls
- Pimlico Academy
- Ricards Lodge
- Richmond Park Academy
- St Andrews CE High School Croydon
- St Thomas More Catholic School Purley
- Sutton Grammar School for Boys
- The London Nautical School
- Tiffin Grammar School
- Wallington County Grammar
- Westminster City School

State Application Process

- Complete one form/ online application from home borough.
- Apply for up to 6 schools in any borough.
- Rank the schools in order of preference.
- Applications are passed between boroughs automatically.
- Supplementary Information Forms are submitted directly to schools.

Permanent address

- The child's permanent address on 31st October must be used.
- Where parents share custody, one address is given and you will need to prove residency at this address.
- If you change address after 9th December 2022, your new address will not be used for admissions (e.g. calculating distances etc.)
- Councils do check addresses - places can be withdrawn if based on provision of false or misleading information.

Application Process

If the number of applications is greater than places available:

Schools follow admission criteria

- Special need (EHCP) and children in care
- Siblings (on roll in September 2022)
- Exceptional medical/ social need
- Children of staff
- Distance to school (straight line measure)
- Religious commitments
- Feeder primary schools (Bolingbroke only)

Selective places

- Selected places are reserved for children who receive the highest scores on the Wandsworth Test no matter where they live, siblings etc.
- *Burntwood (girls)*
 - 78 selective, 235 non-selective
- *Graveney (boys and girls)*
 - 70 selective, 210 non-selective
- Children only **need** to get a very high score in the Wandsworth Test **if** they are going for one of these **selective places** and would not get in otherwise.

Specialist Places – Supplementary Information Form

- Ashcroft Technology Academy – 24 places for technology specialism
 - SIF by 12th September
 - Testing on 26th/27th September
- Chestnut Grove – 30 places for Art and Design and 30 places for Modern Foreign Languages
 - SIF by 9th September
 - Testing on 17th September
- St Cecilia's – 18 places for music
 - 9 Foundation (practising members of Christian church)
 - 9 Open (any or no religious background)
 - SIF by 11th October
 - Testing on 13th and 20th October

Faith schools

If you are considering applying for a school place on faith grounds, it is important you complete the school's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**.

- **St Cecilia's C of E (Foundation Place)**
St John Bosco College – Roman Catholic
- **Faith schools in other boroughs - check with borough or school if a SIF is required.**
- Return SIF **directly to school.**

Bolingbroke Academy

1. Children who have the academy named on their EHCP
2. Looked-after children including those who were adopted from public care/ residence or special guardianship order
3. Children of founders
4. Children of staff
5. Siblings
6. Children from one of the five feeder schools:
 - **Belleville Primary School**
 - **Falconbrook Primary School**
 - **Highview Primary School**
 - **Honeywell Junior School**
 - **Belleville Wix Academy (this does not include the Ecole de Wix)**

- Number of feeder school places are allocated to each school in proportion to the total number of applications made by the school – **the more people that apply from a school (anywhere on their choices) the more places will be set aside for children at that school.**

Questions to consider

- What are the admission criteria?
- How many places are available?
- How many applications were there last year?
- How many were admitted under each criterion?
- Up to what distance from the school were places offered last year?

- Information for last year is found within 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' and previous years available online.

Myths

- If you only put one school on the form, the council have to give you that school.
False – parental preference; if that school cannot offer a place, the nearest school that has places will be offered to you
- If you put your form in earlier than 31st October, you are more likely to get your choice of school.
False – not processed until after 31st October; no advantage
- If you put a state school as your 1st choice, you are more likely to get that school or they give these children places first.
False – this would have to be part of the published admissions criteria; not used any more
- Children who apply to independent schools before Year 6 have a better chance of being offered a place.
*False – our analysis shows that for Belleville children the proportion of applicants who are offered places for 8+ or 10+ is the same as for 11+.
The difference is there is a greater choice of independent schools that offer 11+ and you would also have a state school offer.*

Online application

- Secure and confidential
- Save your form and log back in later to finish or make changes
- Receive email reminders to submit form and to receive result on 1st March 2023

Filling out the form

- Apply for up to 6 schools by 31st October – most parents/carers apply online.
- A paper form can be downloaded from the admissions website.
- Rank them in order of preference.
- Each school considers the application separately – each school is not aware of their position on your form and **must follow their published admissions criteria**
- Schools inform the borough if a place can be allocated for your child.
- If more than one school offers a place, the borough offers you the highest school on your application.
- Pupils automatically remain on the waiting list for schools **above** their offered school.

Filling out the form

- Include at least 4 schools.
- Include one close in distance.
- If you don't live in Wandsworth, you must apply through your home Local Authority.
- If you are unsuccessful with your listed schools, your borough will allocate the school closest to you that has available places.
- **State schools only offer one school at a time.**

October 31st

- Online - completed by midnight on 31st October
- Paper - must be received by 31st October

Don't be late!

If the application is not received by your local council by 31st October, your child will not be considered for a place until after 1st March when all the places have already been given out.

If there are no places left in your preferred schools, you will go on the waiting list and be offered the nearest school which still has places left

Wandsworth Tests

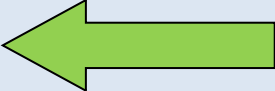



- Used for Non-Selective Banding (to give places to an equal spread of results) at Ashcroft Technology Academy and Chestnut Grove Academy
- Used for Selective places (highest test scores) at Burntwood School and Graveney School
- Not used in any other Wandsworth secondary schools or in other boroughs

Wandsworth Tests

- Children will only be able to take the test if you registered before the deadline (yesterday).
- 2022: This will take place in school on Thursday 29th September: Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning – GL Assessment sell practice packs (multiple-choice version)
- Results will be given to parents/ carers of those registered by 24 October, 2022 – this can help you if you are looking at selective places before you put in your application form.

How offers are made

An example - applies for 6 state secondary schools:

1. Red School
2. Blue School  Later Offer
3. Green School  1st March Offer
4. Purple School 
5. Pink School
6. Orange School 

When Offers are Made

You can:

- a. Accept the place by returning the reply slip (if you decide to reject the place it may not be re-offered).
- b. Find out more about why your child was not offered a particular place and their position on the waiting list by calling pupil services.
- c. Keep your child on the **waiting list** for a higher preference but may not be offered this place. Places on the waiting list are held until September 2023.
- d. Decide to **appeal** – the deadline for this will be included in the offer letter
- e. Make a late application to schools not on your original list or lower placed than your offer

Independent Schools

September – November: Open Days

September – December: Closing dates for Applications

December and January: Tests and interviews

February and March: Outcomes of applications

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/schools/types-of-school/independent-schools/>

Independent Schools

- You can apply for as many independent schools as you wish, but think about what your child can manage.
- All applications are treated individually by the school.
- Children can receive a number of independent school offers at the same time as the one state school offer.
- School arrangements and procedures vary from school to school.
- Apply directly to each school – check websites for dates/ phone to request prospectus.
- Scholarships are available for particular subjects and / or general ability – check what will be required of your child, what happens to the place if things change.
- Bursaries are available for families within a certain income bracket.
- This is a more subjective process - tests, interviews (even parents), references, auditions and assessment days are used to decide places.

Nearby Independent Schools (Private, Fee-Paying)

In 2021, as a headline, 48 children applied for independent schools and 43 of them (90%) had at least one offer of a place.

Secondary School	2018 (110 pupils)			2019 (106 pupils)				2020 (114 pupils)				2021 (95 pupils)			
	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Number of applications	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Number of applications	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Number of applications	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships
Alley's School	6	6	3	17	7*	5	3*	27	11*	9	2*	25	11*	6	1*
Dulwich College	2	2		6	*	3	*	15	*	3	*	10	*	3	*
Emanuel School	23	8	3	30	14	4	2	44	17	2	2	39	18	8	1
James Allen's Girls' School	5	2						7	4	2		6	4	2	
Streatham and Clapham High	15	6	1	10	8	2	5	16	14	7	3	24	23	10	4
Trinity School	4	1		10	6	2	1	7	5			8	*	2	*
Thames Christian College	3	3				1		4	*	3	*	2	*	1	*
Whitgift School	5	1	1	10	7		4	15	11	6	3	9	2	2	
Wimbledon High School	4	2	1					8	1	1		9	*		*
Woldingham School	7			1	1	1		9	8	1	1	2	*	1	*
Total places offered:	78			At least 48*				At least 80*				At least 56*			
Total scholarships offered:	10			At least 15*				At least 12*				At least 6*			
Total places taken:	38			25				37				40			

* indicates that we do not have full information as schools have not shared this in part or whole due to changes in GDPR regulations and procedures

References

- No references are required for applications to state school.
- If you require a reference for an independent school / scholarship, please email enquiries@bellevilleschool.org by 31st October 2022.
- References are checked by senior leaders for accuracy and consistency before being sent directly to the school.
- All references are confidential – we work to give the most full picture of your child as we can.

General References

- Attendance and punctuality – Covid-related absence will be indicated
- Academic attainment and aspects of this: e.g. problem solving in maths, engagement with the wider curriculum
- Learning skills: e.g. effort, resilience, ability to handle new concepts, follow instructions, concentration, independence
- Personal characteristics: working with peers, staff and conduct around school
- Participation: e.g. in extra-curricular clubs/ events, other aspects of school life, outside of school as reported by yourselves
- Special circumstances: SEND, exclusions, medical, English as an additional language, anything else which may have adversely affected the child's academic/ personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process

Scholarship References – Art, Music, Sport

- Evaluates:
 - Areas of strength in the subject
 - Commitment to further practice
 - Relevant learning skills e.g. ability to follow coaching points and leadership in sports; ability to think creatively and generate ideas in art
- Participation in relevant clubs/ school events, participation outside of school as reported by parents and carers
- Any other circumstances which may have adversely affected the child's academic or personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process

If you need further help or just want to talk through your options:

- Speak to/contact:



- School website www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-school/secondary-transfer
- Contact pupil services in your borough (find out distances from your home).