



Transfer to Secondary School 2016

**Woodcroft Primary School
21st May 2015**



Choosing a school

- **Difficult and stressful time for some**
- **Easy straightforward decision for others**



Choosing a school

- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- Who can help me make that decision?



Choosing a school

- **Talk to your child**
- **Consider how they will travel to school**

Choosing a school

■ Visit the schools

□ go to the open evenings

□ talk to the teachers

□ talk to the pupils

■ When are the open evenings?

□ from Thursday 25 June – Wednesday 7 October

BARNET <small>LONDON BOROUGH</small> TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2015 – DATES AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENINGS IN 2015		
Thursday 25 June	5.30 – 8pm and/or 7 – 9pm Final admission 6pm	St Michael's Catholic Grammar School (Girls), Weather Street, Finchley, N12 7NJ
Thursday 2 July	3 – 8pm Final admission 7.30pm	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet (Boys), Queens Road, Barnet, EN5 1EQ
Thursday 4 July & Friday 10 July	8am – 1pm 8am – 1pm	The Hendricks Barnett School (Girls), Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 7DN
Tuesday 8 September	6 – 8.30pm Final admission 6pm	St James' Catholic High School, Seven Strands, Colindale, NW9 3PC
Monday 14 September	7 – 9pm	Hammanham High (Girls), Page Street, MB 118, NW7 2DQ
Tuesday 15 September	5.30 – 8pm	Finchley Catholic High School (Boys), Woodside Lane, North Finchley, N12 6TA
	7 – 9pm	Hammanham High (Boys), Halders Hill Road, Hendon NW18 1NA
	6 – 8.30pm	The Tottenham Academy, Barnes Lane, Tottenham, N20 6AZ
Wednesday 16 September	5.30 – 8.30pm	Princes' Grammar School, Harrington Avenue, Princes' Park, N11 2LS
	5.30 – 8pm	Hendon School, Goldena Rise, Hendon, NW4 2HP
Thursday 17 September	6 – 8.30pm Final admission 6pm	Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, High Street, Barnet, EN5 2BR
Saturday 19 September	10am – 1pm	The Tottenham Academy, Barnes Lane, Tottenham, N20 6AZ
Monday 21 September	6 – 8.30pm Final Admission 6pm	East Barnet School, Chesham Grove, East Barnet, EN1 6PU
Tuesday 22 September	6 – 8.30pm	London Academy, Spur Road, Colindale, HA6 6DC
Thursday 24 September	3 – 8pm Final admission 7.30pm	MB 118 High School, Worcester Crescent, MB118, NW7 4LL
Monday 26 September	6 – 8.30pm	St Mary's and St John's (GSR) C of E School, Barnett House, Sunningfields Road, Hendon NW4 6QR
Tuesday 28 September	6.30 – 8.30pm	Chiswick College, Finchley (Boys), East End Road, Finchley, N2 6SE
	6.30 – 8pm	Copthall School (Girls), Pinnerley Road, MB 118, NW7 2DP
Wednesday 30 September	5 – 8pm 5.30 – 8pm	Whitefield School, Claremont Road, Cricklewood, NW2 1TR
		Wren Academy, Tilson Avenue, N12 8UD
Thursday 1 October	5.30 – 8.30pm 5.45 – 8pm Final admission 6.15pm 6.30 – 8.30pm	Bishop Douglas School, Hamman Road, East Finchley, N3 6GD JGSS (Jewish Community Secondary School), Catterickwood Road, New Barnet, EN4 1QG St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School, North London Buckham Park, Brunel Park Road, N11 1SF St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School, North London Buckham Park, Brunel Park Road, N11 1SF
Monday 5 October	6.30 – 8.30pm	St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School, North London Buckham Park, Brunel Park Road, N11 1SF
Tuesday 6 October	5 – 8.30pm	The Compton School, Somers Lane, North Finchley, N14 0DG
Wednesday 7 October	5.30 – 8pm 7pm	The Archer Academy, 3 Beaumont Close, East Finchley, N3 0GA Ashmole Academy, Cecil Road, Gouthwaite, N11 2RU



Choosing a school

- **Read the school prospectus**
 - **it will have detailed information about:**
 - **how the school is run**
 - **which subjects are taught**
 - **the admissions criteria**
 - **available at the open evenings**
 - **download from the school website**



Choosing a school

■ Talk to the Choice Advisers

□ how do I contact them?

■ tel: 020 8359 7637

■ email: choice.advice@barnet.gov.uk

Choosing a school

- Read the secondary education booklet published by your home local authority



- the 2016 booklet will be available in Autumn 2016
- download Barnet's booklet at www.barnet.gov.uk/school-admissions
- Links will be available on the Woodcroft Website



Choosing a school

■ Talk to the Customer Support Team

- ☐ the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
- ☐ how do I contact them?
 - tel: 020 8359 7651
 - email: school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk
 - if you live outside Barnet, you will find the contact details for your admissions team in Barnet's secondary education booklet



Choosing a school

- **Look at exam results and Ofsted reports**
 - the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk
 - achievement and attainment tables are available at www.education.gov.uk/performance/tables



Choosing a school

- **Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school**
 - ☐ **selection by aptitude**
 - ☐ **faith criteria**
 - ☐ **siblings**
 - ☐ **distance**



Cut-off Distances 3 March 2015

Name of School	Cut-off distance (miles)
The Archer Academy (Priority Post Codes)	1.055
Ashmole School	0.657
Christ's College	None
The Compton School	0.805
Copthall School	None
East Barnet School	1.103
Friern Barnet	2.802
London Academy	None
Mill Hill High School	0.836
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	5.709
The Totteridge Academy	None
Whitefield School	None
Wren Academy (Foundation Places 3 points)	2.177
Wren Academy (Community Places 1 point)	0 (No offers)

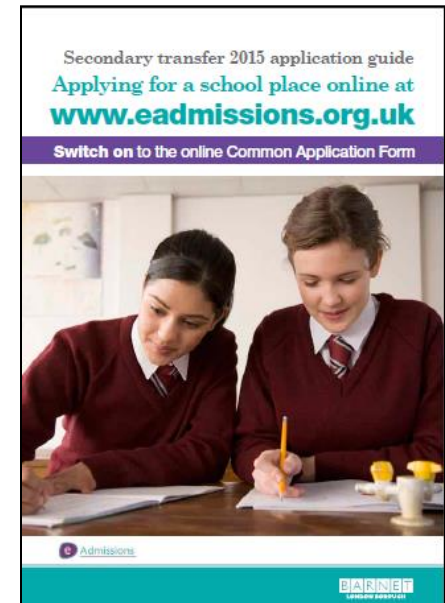
How do I apply?

■ How soon can I apply?

- ☐ the application process begins on 1 September 2015

■ Where do I apply?

- ☐ apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk





How do I apply?

■ How many schools can I apply for?

- ☐ you can apply for up to **Six** schools
- ☐ you will rank the schools in your order of preference
- ☐ it is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date

■ Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?

- ☐ yes, you must include all your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live



How do I apply?

■ Do I need to fill in any other forms?

- all voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools, free schools & academies will ask you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
- the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
 - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
 - selective schools will ask about any medical condition that needs to be taken into account at the test and they may also require a photograph
- Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
- SIFs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools



How do I apply?

■ What else do I need to provide?

□ Proof of address

- your permanent address must be used on the application form
- if you have moved in the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous address



Selection Tests

- **Schools must give parents the test results before they apply for a school place**
 - **applications to sit the tests should be made directly to the individual school**



Selection Tests

■ When will the tests be held?

- ☐ For some schools the tests start in the summer term while your child is still in Year 5!
- ☐ This includes Mill Hill County

Selection Tests

Barnet Schools

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude ~ Sat 6 June Music Auditions ~ Tues 7 & Wed 8 July	Fri 22 May
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme	TBC
The Henrietta Barnett School	Thurs 17 September	Mon 13 July (online) Wed 15 July (postal)
Mill Hill County High School	1st Aptitude Test ~ Sat 13 June Music Auditions ~ Sat 27 June & Sat 4 July Dance Auditions ~ Sat 20 June & Sat 28 June 2nd Aptitude Test ~ Sat 5 September	Fri 29 May
Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School	Thurs 24 September	Thurs 23 July
St Mary's & St John's CE School	1 st Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 6 October 2 nd Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 13 October Banding Test ~ Sat 28 November	Wed 30 September Sat 31 October
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Fri 11 September	Tues 7 July

Selection Tests

Schools in neighbouring local authorities

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Dame Alice Owen's (Herts)	Entrance Exam (Part 1) ~ Tues 1 Sept Musical Aptitude 1 st Round ~ Wed 2 Sept Entrance Exam (Part 2) Sat 5 Sept Musical Aptitude 2 nd Round ~ Mon 14 – Fri 18 Sept	Fri 12 June
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Sat 12 September	Mon 6 July
South West Herts Consortium	<i>Academics Tests will be on 18th and 22nd September 2015</i>	Register now .

Note: Mill Hill County High School and Dame Alice Owen's both have secondary transfer tests on Saturday 5 September 2015.

To enable children to take both tests the schools will arrange for the DAO test to take place in the morning and the MHCH test in the afternoon



How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date for application form?**
 - ☐ **31 October 2015**
 - ☐ **the online system will close at 12 midnight on 31 October**



What happens next?

■ Co-ordinated admissions

- ☐ the transfer process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs
- ☐ application lists are exchanged
- ☐ offer lists are drawn up
- ☐ offer lists are exchanged



What happens next?

■ How will places be allocated?

- ☐ **if the school is over-subscribed, the admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place**
- ☐ **each application is considered as if it is equally preferred**
- ☐ **your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools**



Offers

- **Will I be offered more than one school place?**
 - **if your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the highest rank possible**
 - **the lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children**
 - **no child will be offered more than one school**

■ When will I hear?

- National Offer Day is Tuesday 1 March 2016
- online applicants can log in and see the result in the evening of 1 March
- letters will be sent on 1 March to applicants who are not offered their first preference explaining what to do next

■ Accepting offers

- places to be accepted by 15 March 2016
- online applicants can accept or reject their offer online
- other applicants need to return the reply slip



No Offer?

- **What happens if I don't get any of my preference schools?**
 - ☐ **your child will be allocated a place at the nearest school with a vacancy**
 - ☐ **remain on the waiting lists**
 - ☐ **appeal for a place**
 - ☐ **join waiting lists for other schools**



Appeals

- Every parent has the right of appeal
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel
- You will have the opportunity to present your case in person
- You will need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admission number
- Appeals are not usually successful unless there are exceptional grounds



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Questions?