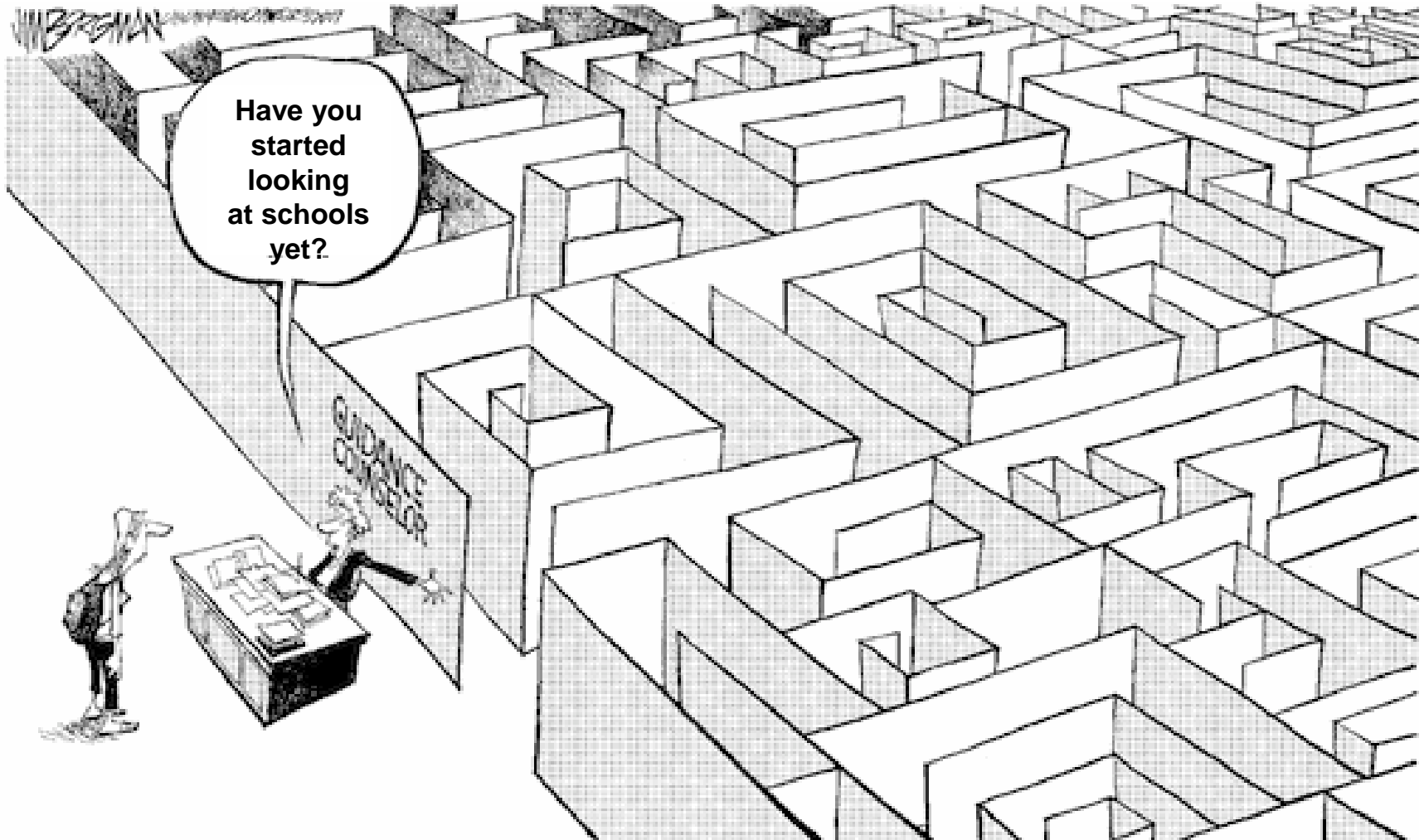


# Transfer to Secondary School 2021



# Choosing a school



# Choosing a school

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- 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

- find out what they want
- 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 Tuesday 28 June – Wednesday 10 October

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2019 – DATES AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENINGS IN 2018		
Thursday 28 June	3.30 - 5pm winter 7 - 9pm Final admission 8pm	St Michael's Catholic Grammar School (Girls), Nether Street, Finchley, N12 7NJ
Thursday 5 July	3 - 9pm Final admission 7.30pm	Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet (Boys), Queens Head, Barnet, EN5 4JQ
Friday 12 July & Monday 16 July	9am - 12.30pm 2pm - 5.30pm	The Hammett Barnett School (Girls), Central Square, Hammett Garden, St Albans, NW11 7SR
Tuesday 11 September	8.30 - 8.30pm	Finchley Catholic High School (Boys), Woodvale Lane, North Finchley, N12 8JA
Thursday 13 September	8 - 8.30pm Final admission 8pm	Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, High Street, Barnet, EN5 5HH
Thursday 18 September	8.30 - 9pm	Hendon School, Coltgate Way, Hendon, MK45 1JH
Tuesday 18 September	8 - 8.30pm	London Academy, Spar Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 3PS
Wednesday 19 September	8.30 - 9pm	St James' Catholic High School, Church Ground, Colindale, NW9 5PL
Thursday 20 September	4 - 8.30pm Final admission 7.30pm	Mill Hill High School, Broomfield Crescent, Mill Hill, NW7 4LL
Thursday 20 September	8.30 - 8.30pm	St Andrew's Apostolic Greek Orthodox School, North London Boarwick Road, Finchley, N11 1EP
Thursday 20 September	8 - 9pm	The Anchor Academy (Lower School), Capon Close, East Finchley, N12 9JG
Monday 24 September	8 - 8.30pm Final admission 8pm	St Mary's and St John's (SMSJ) C/S School, Bennett House, Southfields Road, Hendon NW4 4DH
Thursday 25 September	8.30 - 8.30pm	East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet, EN4 8JU
Thursday 25 September	8.30 - 8.30pm	Christ's College Finchley, East End Road, Finchley, N2 9SE
Thursday 25 September	8.30 - 9pm	Copthall School (Girls), Parsley Road, Mill Hill, NW7 2SL
Wednesday 26 September	4.30 - 8pm 8.30 - 9pm	Whitefield School, Clarendon Road, Cricklewood, NW2 1JH West Academy Finchley, Hilton Avenue, N12 9PH
Thursday 27 September	8.30 - 8.30pm 8.30 - 8pm 8.45 - 9pm Final admission 8.15pm	Bishop Douglas School, Hamilton Road, East Finchley, N2 9SD From Barnet School, Deodar Avenue, From Barnet, N11 3LS JCSS (Jewish Community Secondary School), Castlewood Road, New Barnet, EN6 5JG
Thursday 2 October	8 - 8.30pm	The Conson School, Somers Lane, North Finchley, N12 8DG
Wednesday 3 October	7pm	Ashmate Academy, Cecil Road, Southgate, N14 5LJ
Thursday 4 October	8.30 - 8pm	The Lethbridge Academy, Barnet Lane, Letheridge, N20 8AZ
Monday 8 October	7 - 9pm	Saracens High School, Deodar Avenue, Colindale NW9 5PL
Thursday 9 October	8.30 - 9pm	Hammanen High (Girls), Page Street, Mill Hill, NW7 2DU
Wednesday 10 October	8.30 - 9pm	Hammanen High (Boys), Holders Hill Road, Hendon NW41NA

# 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



School Prospectus



# Choosing a school

## ■ Talk to the Choice Advisor

how do I contact them?

■ tel: 020 8359 7249

■ email: [sendiass@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@barnet.gov.uk)



The Choice Advice Service  
Help for parents of year 6 pupils going through secondary transfer



Choosing which secondary school you would prefer your child to attend is a very important decision, and can be confusing.

If your child is in year 6 you will have received information from Dame's Council's admission team about transferring to secondary school. There is a lot to think about, decisions to make and forms to fill in.

The choice advisor can help you understand the system. They can offer you free and impartial advice and support, but cannot guarantee you a place at your preferred school.

# Choosing a school

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



- the 2021 guide will be available in September 2020
- download Barnet's guide at [www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



# Choosing a school

## ■ Talk to the Customer Service 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](mailto: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 guide



# Choosing a school

- Look at exam results and Ofsted reports
  - the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)
  - achievement and attainment tables are available at [www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables](http://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables)

# Choosing a school

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



# Cut-off Distances 1 March 2018

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Furthest distance offered (miles)</b>
The Archer Academy (Priority Post Codes)	0.314
Ashmole School	0.635
Bishop Douglass Catholic	5.387
Christ's College	4.144
The Compton School	0.659
Copthall School	4.749
East Barnet School	1.08
Finchley Catholic High School (Catholic – distance)	3.677
Friern Barnet	4.699
Hendon	4.773
London Academy	2.838
Mill Hill High School	0.916
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	3.237
St Andrew the Apostle (Community - distance)	1.739
The Totteridge Academy	6.691
Whitefield School	4.823
Wren Academy (Community - distance)	0.369

# How do I apply?

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## ■ How soon can I apply?

- the application process begins on 1 September 2020

## ■ Where do I apply?

- apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)





# How do I apply?

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## ■ 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?

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## ■ Realistic Preferences

- if you just apply for one school, it will not increase your chances of getting a place at the school and your child will be considered for that one school only
- if this is unsuccessful, you may miss out on an offer which could have been made at another school and you are likely to be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
- It is important to make realistic school choices to increase your chances of securing a offer and avoid disappointment



# How do I apply?

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## ■ 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?

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## ■ What else do I need to provide?

### Proof of address

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



# Fraudulent addresses

- each year a small number of parents provide a false address to get a school place
- in doing so they could be depriving your child of a place
- providing false information is a criminal offence
- if you know someone who intends to use a false address, you can report this in confidence to the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team
- report it online at [www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud)
- call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

# Selection Tests

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- 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

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## ■ When will the tests be held?

- most schools will hold tests early in the autumn term
- some schools will hold the tests in the summer term while your child is still in Year 5

# Selection Tests

## Barnet Schools

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude ~ Sat 9 June Music Auditions ~ Tues 3 & Wed 4 July	Fri 18 May
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme ~ Mon 2 July	Fri 22 June
Hendon School	Banding Tests ~ Sat 1 Dec & Sun 2 Dec	31 October
The Henrietta Barnett School	Tues 4 September	Tues 17 July
Mill Hill County High School	Technology Aptitude Test ~ Sat 15 Sept Music Auditions ~ Sun 10, Sun 24 & Sat 30 June Dance Auditions ~ Sat 16 June & Sun 8 July	Fri 18 May
Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School	Thurs 20 September	Fri 13 July
St Mary's & St John's CE School	1st Performing Arts Aptitude ~ To be confirmed 2nd Performing Arts Aptitude ~ To be confirmed  Banding Test ~ Sat 24 Nov	Information awaited  31 October
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Fri 14 September	Tues 10 July

# Selection Tests

## Schools in neighbouring local authorities

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Dame Alice Owen's (Herts)	Entrance Exam Part 1 ~ Sat 1 September Entrance Exam Part 2 ~ Mon 3 September Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 4 September	Tues 19 June
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Sun 2 September	Tues 3 July



# How do I apply?

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## ■ When is the closing date?

- 31 October 2020
  
- the online system will close at 12 midnight on 31 October



# Late applications

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- **What happens if I miss the deadline?**
  - late applications will not be considered until after the first round of offers
  - if there is a good reason for a late application, it may be treated as on-time
  - you must let the Admissions Team know your reason by 10th December 2020





# What happens next?



## ■ Co-ordinated admissions

all 33 London boroughs and surrounding county councils are included in the co-ordinated admissions process

application lists are exchanged

offer lists are drawn up

offer lists are exchanged





# What happens next?

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## ■ How will places be allocated?

- if the school receives more applications than places available, the published admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
- each school listed on the application form is considered against the admissions criteria regardless of the preference order
- your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools

# Offers

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- **Will I be offered more than one school place?**
  - if your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the school which you ranked higher
  - the lower preference schools will be withdrawn and offered to other children
  - no child will be offered more than one school place



## Offers

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### ■ When will I hear?

- National Offer Day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- you will be sent an email with the result of your application during the evening of 1 March
- You can then login into your eadmissions account for further information



# Offers

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## ■ Accepting offers

- places must be accepted or declined online by 15 March 2021



# No Offer?

- **What happens if I don't get any of my preferred 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

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- 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 unlikely to be successful unless there are exceptional grounds

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