

Transfer to Secondary School

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Who is eligible to apply?

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you **MUST** apply by **31 October 2024**.

What if my child has an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement?

- You must not apply online, please contact your case worker or the SEND team at Croydon Council for a form.

How do you apply?

Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

You will find the 'Admission to Secondary schools' booklet, which includes a list of all the Croydon secondary schools and information about the application process on Croydon Council's website:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/school-admissions>

Before completing the form

- Attend secondary schools' open evenings (could possibly be virtual events, please check schools' websites)
- Read schools' admissions criteria
- Find out how places were allocated at each school last year

Overview of secondary allocations – 2024 entry

	LAC	Medical/ Social	Feeder	Feeder Siblings	Staff child	Ability / Aptitude	Banding	Faith	Faith siblings	Siblings	Open Places	Open Places siblings	Distance /Non faith	Number allocated (SEN)	Furthest Distance (Miles)
Archbishop Tenison's	1	0	25	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	46	20	N/A	23	15	N/A	0	N/A
Ark Blake Academy	0	0	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	N/A	N/A	99	2	4.026
Coloma Girls' Convent	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	83	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	0	N/A
Coombe Wood School	6	N/A	85	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	N/A	N/A	46	7	0.893
Harris Academy Beulah Hill	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	175	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris Academy Purley	0	0	11	N/A	1	N/A	125	N/A	N/A	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	18	113	N/A	N/A	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris Invictus Academy	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	191	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris Academy South Norwood	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	143	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Meridian High School	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	N/A	N/A	60	0	6.936
Norbury High School	1	0	18	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39	N/A	N/A	143	5	3.327
Oasis Academy Arena	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	N/A	N/A	18	0	3.581
Oasis Academy Coulsdon	3	1	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45	N/A	N/A	122	7	1.807
Oasis Academy Shirley Park	1	0	31	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37	N/A	N/A	104	4	3.832
Orchard Park High	0	0	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	31	N/A	N/A	116	0	8.309
Riddlesdown Collegiate	3	0	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	103	N/A	N/A	202	16	1.485
St Joseph's Boys' College	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	N/A	24	3	17	N/A	N/A	31	5	N/A
St Mary's Catholic High	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52	0	N/A
Shirley High School	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	27	N/A	N/A	79	0	4.203
The Archbishop Lanfranc	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	N/A	N/A	64	5	2.479
The Quest Academy	2	0	10	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47	N/A	N/A	106	7	5.629
Thomas More School	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	4	N/A
Woodcote High School	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69	N/A	N/A	158	8	2.085

Secondary admissions September 2024

DVPS children

Our allocations!

School	Number of children accepted
Harris Academy Beulah	21
St Josephs	8
Norwood	8
Norbury High	7
Harris Crystal Palace	6
La Retraite	4
Harris South Norwood	3
Harris Merton	3
Chestnut Grove	3
Shirley High	1
Oasis Academy	1
Burntwood	1
Coombe Wood	1
Eden Park High	1
Graveney	1
Grey Coat	1
Harris Beckenham	1
Sydenham High	1
Wallington Grammar	1
Woodcote	1

Completing the form

- You can select up to 6 preferences
- Always list the schools in your order of preference
- The schools can be in Croydon or outside Croydon
- Apply directly to independent schools

Different schools have different criteria

The Norwood

If any family wants to apply for Norwood they MUST fill in the SIF - supplementary Information form so that they can sit the admissions test in November. If they want to apply to any of the Lambeth schools that require the test - eg us, Dunaven, Platanos and Lilian Baylis - then they MUST complete a SIF for each school.

Another reminder - the sibling criteria only applies if your older sibling is actually in school in the Sept when the Yr 6 into Yr 7 starts. Sixth Form doesn't count. So having a Yr 11 in school Autumn 2024 will not count because they will not be in school in Sept 25 when the new Yr 7 arrive.

All siblings MUST take the test too - otherwise they will be in band z and will be allocated last after everyone else -

We currently have 223 on our waiting list for Sept 24.

You must sit the banding tests!
The school will put this down as authorised on the register.

Check the admissions criteria for each school you want to put down on the list.

For all Harris schools you sit one banding test. Not one for each.

Completing the form cont...

- **Children in care (LAC) or Previously in care (PLAC)** – Please ensure you tick the relevant box on your application and submit confirmation that the child is or was ‘looked after’
- **Medical** - If you wish to be considered under the medical criterion please ensure you tick the relevant box on the application and submit supporting documents before the closing date.

Completing the form cont...

- **Siblings** – Please ensure you tick the relevant box on your application if there is a sibling at the school you wish to apply to.
- **Multiple births** – Please ensure you make a separate application for each child.

Completing the application cont...

- Remember to **submit** your application – once submitted you will receive an application reference number.
- Remember to complete **supplementary information forms** where required and return them directly to the schools.

Closing date for applications

31 October 2024

- Applications received after this date will be treated as late and will not be considered until after 3 March 2025.

Changes to your application after you have submitted it (before and after the closing date)

- Changes to preference schools
- Changes to addresses

12 December 2024 is the latest date any changes may be considered.

Changes after 12 December 2024 will be considered after 3 March 2025.

How will I know the outcome of my application?

- 3 March – You will be notified of the outcome of your application.
- You will receive an email/text message on 3 March asking you to log in to your eadmissions account to view the outcome of your application.

Accepting/Declining your offer

- Respond to your offer online.
- 17 March - deadline to accept or decline your offer.
- You must respond and not leave it, even if you wish to appeal or join waiting lists.

Waiting Lists and Appeals

- Automatically placed on waiting list for any unsuccessful higher preference schools. Please tell LA if you do not wish to be on it, as this gives others a chance.
- Requests to go on waiting list for lower preferences, if first preference offer made, only allowed in exceptional circumstances.
- Right of appeal – contact schools directly!!
- Waiting lists maintained by secondary schools – contact them for waiting list position (end of April)
- SOME schools have their own waiting list criteria so you can contact them direct and be added.

Summary

- Read Booklet / Admissions Criteria
- Attend schools' open days and evenings
- Apply online before **31 October 2024**
- Complete SIF(s) if necessary
- Submit all supporting documents