



# Starting Secondary School in September 2024

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# Aims of this meeting

- o To share key information on your child's secondary school choice/ place
- o To discuss how to decide on your secondary school choices
- o To issue key dates and deadlines.



# The Brochure

- o The LA brochure and website will outline all the necessary information and details so please take time to read this in full.  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions)
- o If you are looking at schools outside of Hillingdon please contact the relevant LA or school directly.

# Choosing the right school for your child.

- o Use the school websites as a source of information
- o Look at their admission's criteria
- o Some schools champion certain subjects
- o Is there an entrance test? If so, when the date is issued for the test, let us know as this will be authorised leave
- o The schools' exam results and Ofsted reports are available online. Please consider that results for 2023 are the first time since the pandemic that the grade boundaries returned to pre Covid levels



# How to View the School

- o Open Evenings
- o Visit the schools, speak to the staff and the students
- o Some parents also visit the schools during the day but you would need to make an appointment.

# Preferences

- o You will have 6 preferences
- o Be realistic
- o Try and use all 6 preferences, having a limited choice can result in a school being allocated that was not on your list.

# Sample Year 7 Statistics

School	Published Admission Number	Total Applications received	1st preference applications	1st preference offers
Barnhill	240	557	134	134
Bishop Ramsey	186	888	247	164
Bishopshalt	186	1334	310	155
Guru Nanak	180	357	106	84
Harlington	195	477	156	150
Haydon	300	815	154	154
Hewens	120	275	36	36
Northwood	180	775	204	137
Oak Wood	270	625	152	152
Park Academy West London	180	349	107	107
Queensmead	240	1023	264	187
Rosedale	180	571	115	106
Ruislip High	210	942	153	135
Swakeleys	240	806	368	195
The Douay Martyrs	240	798	134	116
The Harefield Academy	150	168	29	29
Uxbridge High	230	834	173	153
Vyners	240	1315	348	209



# Where is your child most likely to get a place?

- o If they have a sibling there already they are likely to secure a place
- o If your child or immediate family member has a medical condition this MAY be considered
- o If your child has an EHCP
- o If it is a school of your faith you are more likely to get a place
- o DISTANCE can be key.



# When to apply?

- o You can apply from NOW as the application process opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September
- o You MUST apply online and the deadline is **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. You can amend any application between now and then
- o The LA will not chase you for your application; it is your responsibility
- o We can help you apply online if needed
- o If your child has an EHCP, you are not required to complete an application as you will follow a separate admissions process with your SEND caseworker
- o The whole online process is detailed in the brochure
- o Offer day is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and you will receive an email. You MUST accept or decline within two weeks. If you do neither it can be withdrawn.

# Declining

- If you decline the place offered this WILL not support any other place offered from a waiting list
- The LA holds the waiting list.



# Supporting Documents

- o Child's address MUST be where your child is registered when you apply
- o They will need proof of your Council Tax Reference Number. If it is not in your name, You must name the person and state their relationship to the child
- o Proof of the address
- o If your child lives at two addresses you must reference the address of the parent in receipt of child benefit.



# So how are places allocated?

- o If the LA can meet your 1<sup>st</sup> preference you will receive a place
- o If not, they will allocate another of your preferences
- o Your child's name will be added to a waiting list for any school listed above the place offered
- o If no places can be offered at any of your preferences your child will secure a place at the nearest school available.

## Hillingdon secondary schools open evenings

School	Date	SIF required
Barnhill School	Thursday 14 September	No
Bishop Ramsey CofE	Thursday 5 October	Yes*
Bishopshalt School	Tuesday 12 September	No
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy	Tuesday 3 October	Yes*
Haydon School	Thursday 21 September	No
Harlington School	Tuesday 26 September	No
Hewens College	Thursday 28 September	No
Northwood School	Monday 2 October	No
Oak Wood School	Wednesday 20 September	No
Park Academy West London	Wednesday 13 September	No
Queensmead School	Wednesday 20 September	No
Rosedale College	Tuesday 19 September	No
Ruislip High School	Thursday 28 September	No
Swakeleys School	Thursday 14 September	Yes*
The Douay Martyrs	Thursday 21 September	Yes*
Harefield School	Tuesday 19 September	No
Uxbridge High School	Monday 25 September	No
Vyners School	Wednesday 27 September	No

# Time for questions

- o Please remember that we can not promote any of the secondary schools and our advice is only based on the process.
- o Thank you