

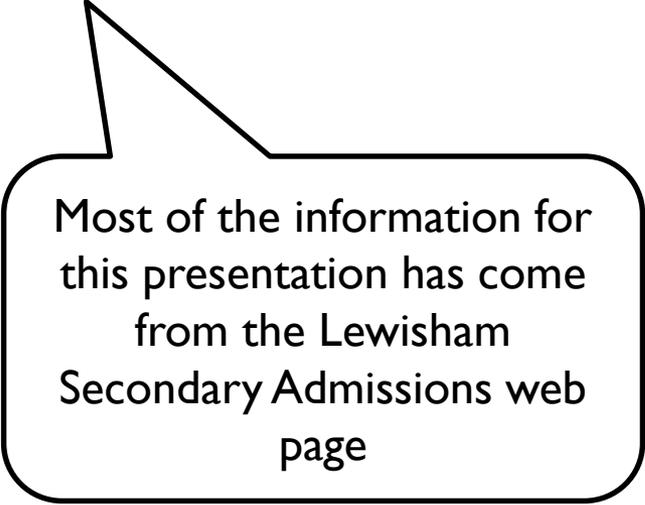


Secondary Transfer meeting

7th June 2022

Google – ‘Lewisham secondary admissions’

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/completing-an-application-form>



Most of the information for this presentation has come from the Lewisham Secondary Admissions web page

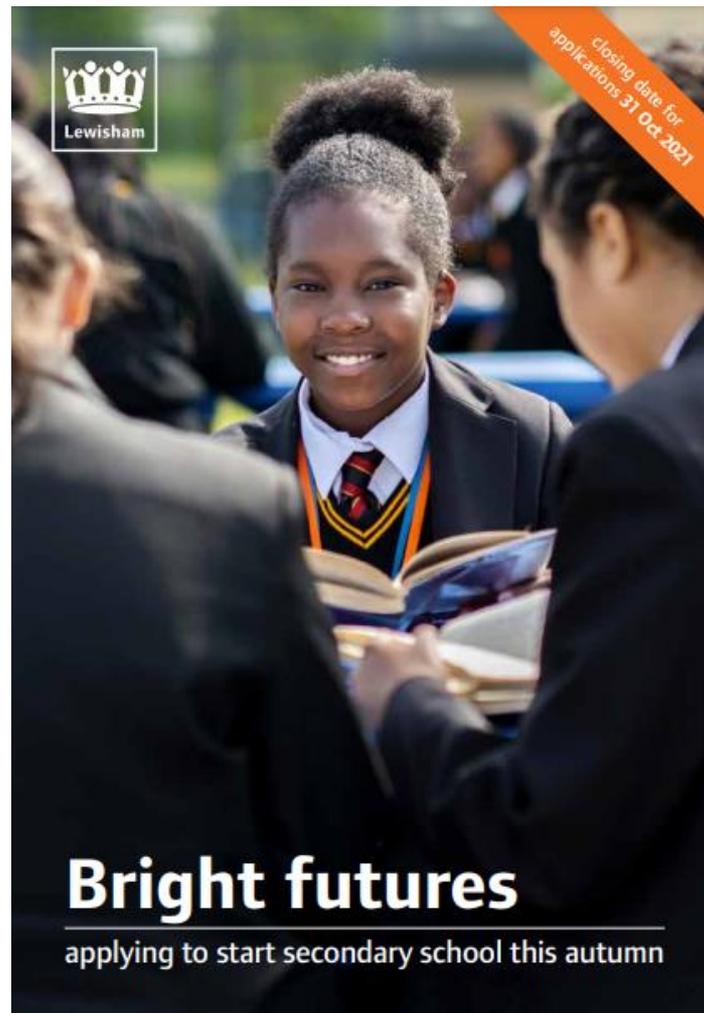
Key dates for Y6

These are the dates from last year but we expect there to be little change.

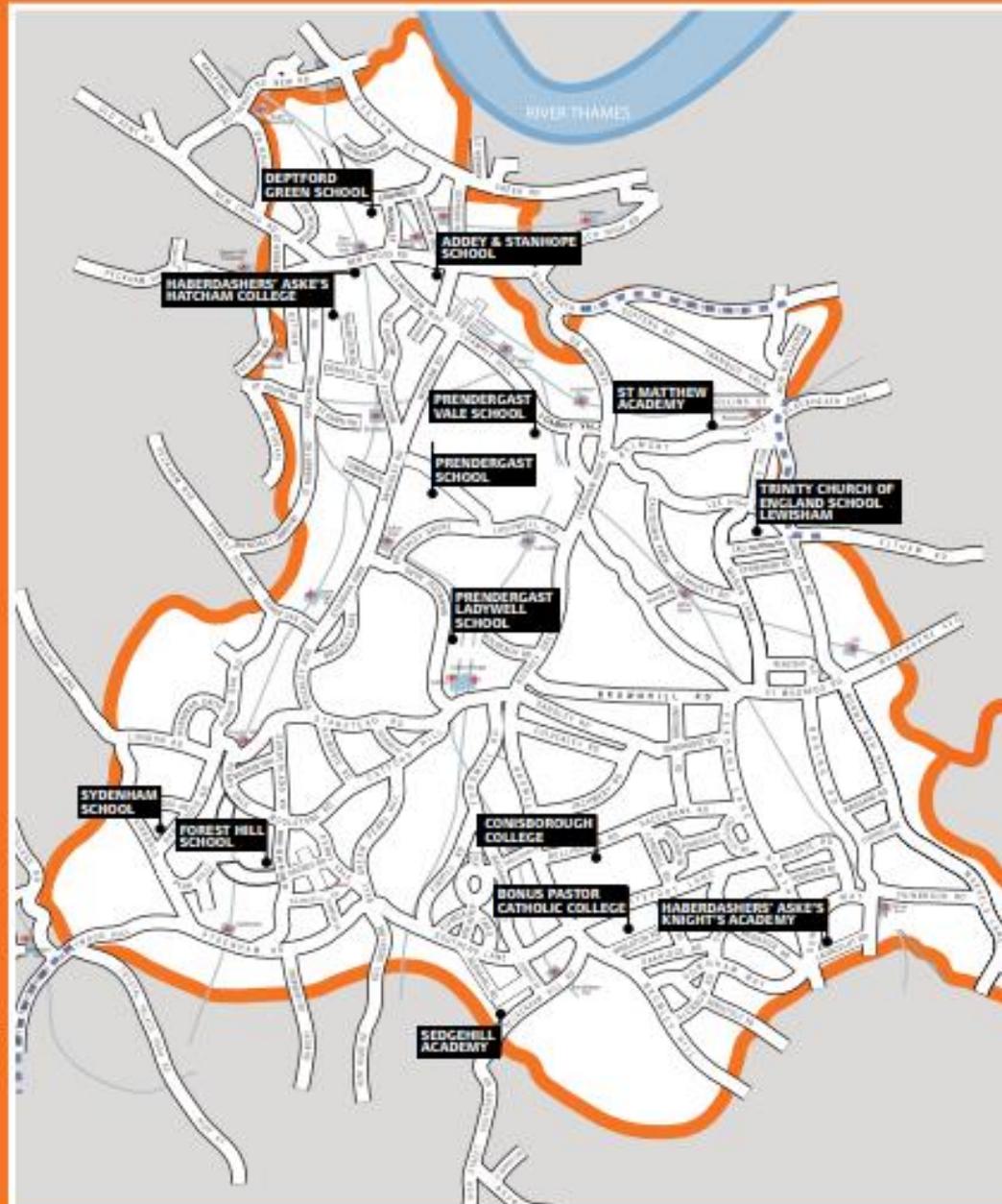
Important dates for the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2022.

September and October 2021	→	Schools open for visits (<i>check school websites for up to date information</i>)
Wednesday 1 September 2021	→	Applications open (<i>apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</i>)
Sunday 31 October 2021 (<i>we recommend you submit your online application by Friday 22 October 2021</i>)	→	Closing date for applications
Tuesday 1 March 2022	→	Application results
Tuesday 15 March 2022	→	Deadline for accepting your offer
June/July 2022	→	Independent appeals heard
Tuesday 5 July 2022	→	Many secondary schools will hold an induction day for Year 7s

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Mainstream secondary schools in Lewisham



2021/22 application and appeals rates for Lewisham community schools and own admission authority (AA) schools

The following table indicates how places were allocated on 1 March 2021 under each admissions criterion.

	Published admissions number	Total number of applications	Children looked after	Sports or music places (AA schools)	Year 6 children on roll (AA schools)	Exceptional medical or social reasons	Sibling on roll	Distance of last place offered under home-to-school distance (metres)	Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan	Number of appeals heard in the summer of 2020	Successful appeals in the summer of 2020
Adley & Stanhope	120	424	0	N/A	N/A	0	23	1743.47	10	●	●
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	180	661	3	N/A	N/A	0	47	●	9	●	●
Conisborough College	180	384	0	N/A	N/A	0	57	★	9 (7RB*)	0	0
Deptford Green School	180	435	0	N/A	N/A	0	49	★	6 (7RB*)	1	0
Forest Hill School	240	378	0	N/A	N/A	0	25	★	3	0	0
Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College	224	1013	7	24	N/A	0	70	788.00	7	●	●
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	208	501	2	12	N/A	4	51	★	4	●	●
Prendergast School	120	591	2	15	N/A	0	27	1501.50	3	●	●
Prendergast Vale School	79	425	0	N/A	17	0	20	5259.58	2	●	●
Prendergast Ladywell School	180	804	1	N/A	N/A	0	35	1316.50	7	●	●
St Matthew Academy	136	505	1	N/A	46	0	29	★	1	●	●
Sedgehill Academy	306	290	1	N/A	N/A	0	18	★	3	0	0
Sydenham School	240	690	3	N/A	N/A	0	40	2158.26	3	6	0
Trinity Church of England School Lewisham	63	374	0	N/A	30	0	37	●	3	●	●

Key ★: Applicants all offered a place ●: Contact school

For 2021/22 admissions, all distances were measured in metres using a straight line to a point in the school premises as determined by the Ordinance Survey.

* Some schools have a Resource Base (RB). A RB is a specialist provision within a Mainstream School where children with speech and language disorders are taught, with help from therapists and specialist teachers.

SEND

Special educational needs and disabilities provision and special schools

In Lewisham, we are determined to help all children thrive, and we are proud of the support we give to children who need additional help.

Most children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are educated in mainstream schools. Each of our mainstream secondary schools has a special educational needs policy for parents to look at which should be available on their website. These policies, which apply to academies and federation schools as well as community schools, explain the school's approach to SEND. Reading them is a good place to start when you're planning your school visits.

It's a good idea to talk to parents of children with SEND who already attend the school. Most schools will also be happy to arrange a meeting with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) before you apply for a place, so you can discuss your child's needs and how the school would meet them.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you can name the school that you would like them to go to, and the school then has a duty to offer them a place.

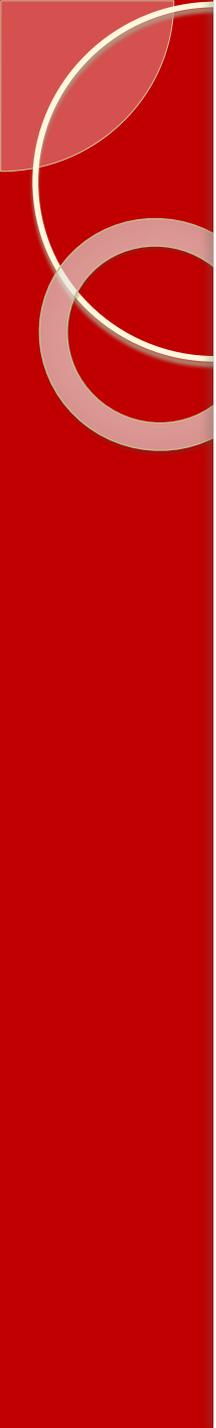
Depending on the complexity of your child's needs, you may be considering a special school. The application process for children with an EHCP to both mainstream and special schools is different to the main secondary transfer application process.

Our four special schools for children of secondary school age are Greenvale, New Woodlands, Drumbeat and Brent Knoll.

For more information about the specialist provision at each of these schools and the application process, visit the website www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/specialschools

Before you apply

- Visit as many of the schools you are interested in as you can. Open Evenings/Days start at the beginning of September and some schools only offer one chance to visit.
- You can apply for up **to six secondary schools**, listing them in order of preference.
- Consider each school's **admissions policies** and **previous years' application rates** to see whether your child is likely to be offered a place.
- Your preference schools **can be in Lewisham or in other areas**, but they can't be independent (fee paying) schools.
- You don't have to list six schools, but the more schools you list, the better your chances of being offered a place at one of them.

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Selective schools

- **There are 353 councils in England**
- **All of these are comprehensive apart from**
 - **Kent**
 - **Medway**
 - **Buckinghamshire**
 - **Lincolnshire**
 - **Gloucestershire**
 - **Trafford**
 - **Slough**

Bexley tests in 2021

- **5883** children sat the test
- **2047** achieved the selective standard
- **800** grammar school places available
- **180** children with the highest total age-standardised scores are placed in one of the highest priority groups for their preferred grammar school
- For other pupils who are deemed selective, there is no guarantee of an offer of a place.

Kent Test

To apply for your child to do the Kent test you must register them by 1st July 2022. Google Kent I I+ and you will find the website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1,2>

Kent Test

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2023** will open on Wednesday 1 June 2022 and close at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022. We cannot accept late registrations.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 8 September 2022** for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on **Saturday 10 September** for other pupils. Any reference to 'Kent Test' or 'registration' does not guarantee when or if testing will take place.

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2022 and has not taken the Kent Test, see our information about [moving to a different school](#).

Bexley Test

Google Bexley I I+ and you will find the website:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/register-secondary-selection-test>

You must register your child for the test by 1st July 2022.

Register for the Bexley Selection Test >

The registration period closes at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022.

Applications for special arrangements can be made now, and the closing date for applications is Friday 17 June 2022. Please note that you must also register your child for the Bexley selection tests.

We are unable to accept any late applications.

Admissions priority

- First priority will go to children with a statement of special educational needs (SEND) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan naming the school.
- Remaining places will be given in the following order:

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1. Looked after children and previously looked after children who have been adopted or become subject to child arrangements or a special guardianship order immediately after having been looked after.
 2. Children with a sibling - living at the same address - who is already attending the school at the time the child will be admitted.

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3. Children with an acute medical or social need for a particular school.
 4. Other children based on home to school distance. The distance from home to school is measured as a straight line from the centre of the home address to the centre of the school site.



Admissions



Tips

- Visit as many schools as you can both during the day and after school
- Ask lots of questions – which would best suit your child?
- **Use all 6 choices**
- Check the admission criteria before applying to any school especially Catholic/Selective
- Let us know when you are visiting schools

Tips on using your preferences wisely



Your preferences are up to you, but do be realistic. There's no guarantee you'll be offered a place at a preference school but here are some of our recommendations:

- don't 'waste' a preference by naming a school where your child is unlikely to be offered a place
- don't name a school that you'd not wish your child to attend - any preference may be offered
- don't list the same school more than once as duplicates will be deleted
- include schools nearest to your home address - otherwise, your child may end up being allocated to a school much further away.

Get in touch

Secondary School Admissions and Appeals

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Email:  secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk

Opening hours: Telephone lines are open Tuesday to Thursday, 9am–1pm