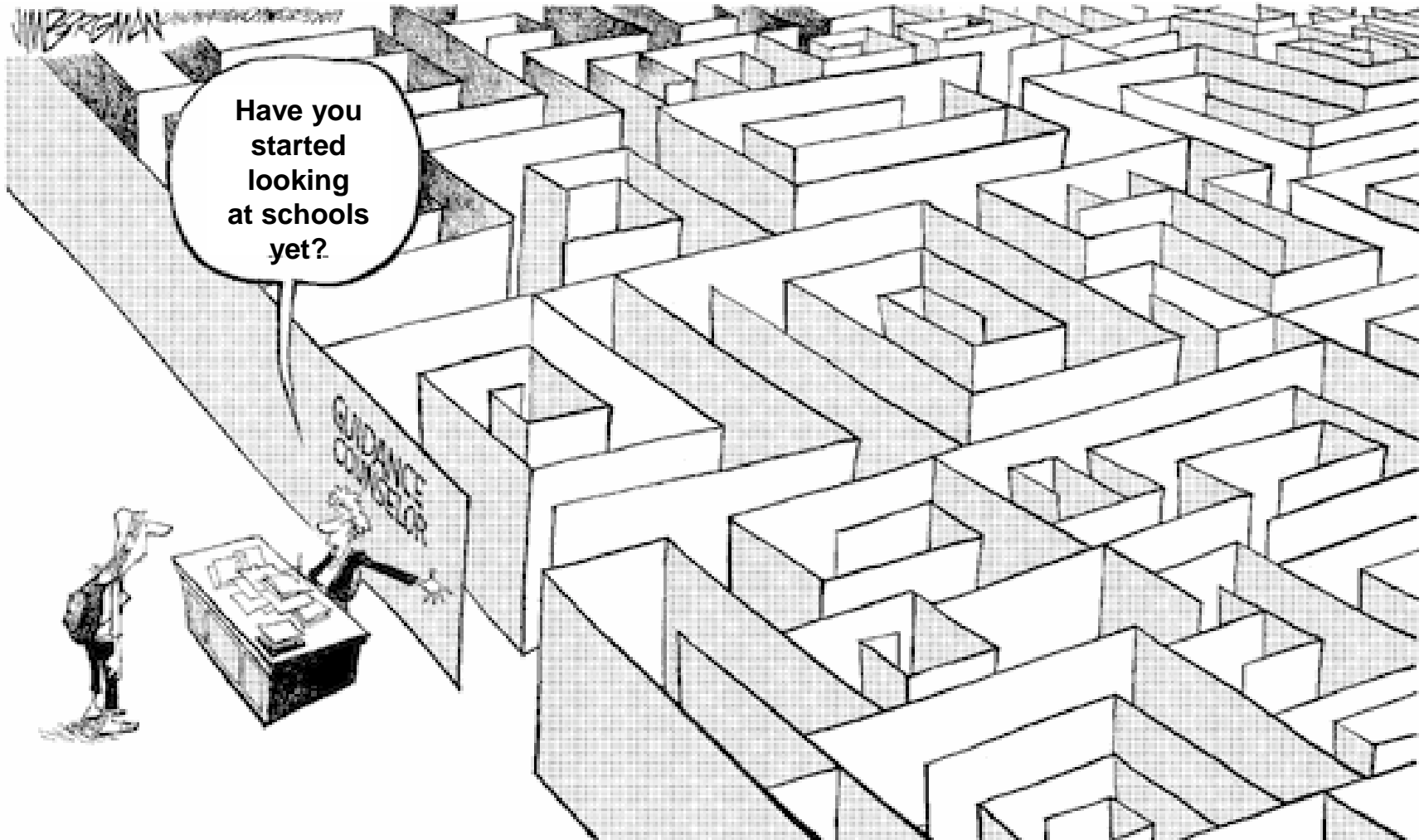




# **Transfer to Secondary School 2018**

# 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





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*School Prospectus*

## ■ 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 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



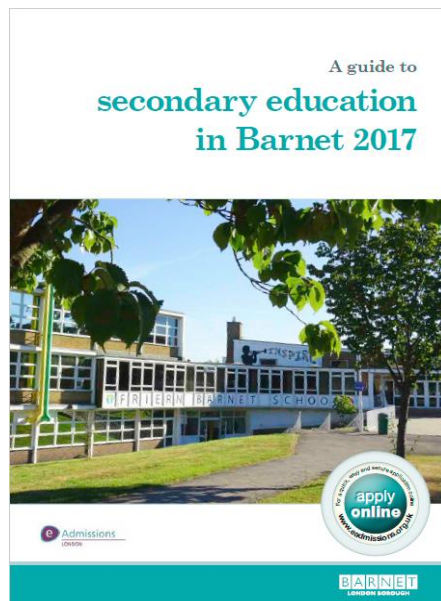
Choosing which secondary school you would prefer your child to attend is a very important decision, and can be confusing.

If your child is in year 6 you will have received information from Barnet 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 booklet published by your home local authority



- the 2018 booklet will be available in September 2017
- download Barnet's booklet at [www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



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## ■ 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 booklet



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- **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)

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



# Cut-off Distances 1 March 2017

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Furthest distance offered (miles)</b>
The Archer Academy (Priority Post Codes)	0.307
Ashmole School	0.625
Bishop Douglass Catholic	4.509
Christ's College	7.385
The Compton School	0.818
Copthall School	7.540
East Barnet School	1.027
Friern Barnet	3.796
Hendon	1.85
London Academy	21.097
Mill Hill High School	1.09
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	3.358
St Andrew the Apostle (Community - distance)	1.965
The Totteridge Academy	6.927
Whitefield School	3.661
Wren Academy (Community - distance)	0.45

# How do I apply?

## ■ How soon can I apply?

- the application process begins on 1 September 2017

## ■ 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?

### ■ 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

# 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?

- 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 (To be confirmed)

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude ~ Sat 10 June Music Auditions ~ Tues 4 & Wed 5 July	Fri 19 May
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme – Tues 11 July	Mon 26 June
The Henrietta Barnett School	Tues 5 September	Wed 19 July
Mill Hill County High School	Technology Aptitude Test ~ Sat 9 Sept Music Auditions ~ Sat 11, Sat 18 & Sat 24 June Dance Auditions ~ Sat 17 June & Sun 9 July	Fri 19 May
Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School	Tues 19 September	Fri 14 July
St Mary's & St John's CE School	1st Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 3 October Dance Aptitude Test ~ Thurs 5 October 2nd Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 10 October Drama Aptitude Test ~ Wed 11 October Banding Test ~ Sat 25 November	Wed 27 September
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Fri 15 September	Tues 11 July

# Selection Tests

## Schools in neighbouring local authorities

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Dame Alice Owen's (Herts)	Entrance Exam Part 1 ~ Fri 1 September Entrance Exam Part 2 ~ Mon 4 September Musical Aptitude 1 <sup>st</sup> round ~ Tues 5 September Musical Aptitude 2nd round ~ From 27 September	Weds 14 June
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Assessment Test Part 1 ~ Sat 15 July Assessment Test Part 2 ~ Sun 17 September	Thurs 29 June

# How do I apply?

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## ■ When is the closing date?

- 31 October 2017
- 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 Friday 8 December 2017



# 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?

## ■ 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**

## ■ When will I hear?

- National Offer Day is Thursday 1 March 2018
- results will be available in the evening of 1 March
- offer letters will NOT be sent; you must login to your online account to view the outcome of your application

## ■ Accepting offers

- places to be accepted or declined online by 15 March 2018



# 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

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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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