

Bromley Secondary School Parents' Guide 2025/26

**A practical handbook for families in Bromley considering
secondary school options**



Parent Guide to Secondary Schools for (Sept 2025)

Introduction

Choosing a secondary school in Bromley can feel daunting. With selective grammar schools, faith schools, oversubscribed comprehensives, and independent options nearby, families often face complex choices. This guide brings together key details — admissions rules, GCSE outcomes, Ofsted ratings, oversubscription notes, and open day information — in one place to help you make confident, informed decisions.

Admissions in Bromley

- **No borough-wide 11+:** Bromley runs no grammar test. The only state grammars are **Newstead Wood (girls)** and **St Olave's (boys)**, each with their own entrance exam.
- **Kent Test (PESE):** Many Bromley families sit this to apply to Dartford, Wilmington, Tonbridge, or Tunbridge Wells grammars.
- **Bexley Selection Test:** Parents in Chislehurst, Mottingham, Bickley, and Sidcup often sit this for access to Bexley grammars.
- **Sutton SET:** Families near Croydon often enter the Sutton Selective Eligibility Test.
- **Comprehensives & Academies:** Places follow standard oversubscription criteria (EHCP, looked-after, siblings, distance).
- **Faith schools:** Require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and evidence of religious practice.
- **Harris Academies:** All applicants must sit a **banding test** (not pass/fail; ensures intake across ability bands).
- **SEN/EHCP:** Children with an EHCP naming the school are guaranteed a place.

Understanding the School Performance Measures

When comparing schools, it helps to look at a few headline measures that give a sense of both academic outcomes and pupil experience.

The **Progress 8 score** shows how much progress pupils make from the end of primary to GCSEs, while the **Grade 5+ English and maths measure** highlight the proportion reaching a strong pass in core subjects. The '**staying in education or entering employment**' figure indicates how well schools prepare pupils for life beyond GCSEs, and **Ofsted ratings** provide an external judgement on teaching, leadership and pupil welfare.

Taken together, these measures offer a useful snapshot for parents weighing up options. However, they don't capture the full picture—factors such as pastoral care, extracurricular opportunities, travel time, and individual subject strengths can be just as important when choosing the right school for your child.

 Progress 8 (P8)

Shows how much progress pupils make from primary to GCSEs. 0 = average nationally; above 0 = better than average.

 Attainment 8 (A8)

Average GCSE achievement across 8 subjects. Higher scores = stronger results overall.

 Grade 5+ English & Maths

The % of pupils achieving at least a strong pass in both core subjects.

 Staying in Education/Employment

The % of pupils who continue to study or work after Year 11.

 Ofsted Rating

Independent judgement on quality of education, behaviour, leadership, and personal development.

All Bromley Secondary schools (alphabetical within type/area)

Bromley Selective Schools

Orpington

Newstead Wood School (girls, Orpington)

- **Admissions:** Own selection tests (verbal/non-verbal reasoning). Very competitive.
- **Performance:** 2024 results – 40% grade 9; 67% 9–8; 85% 9–7; Attainment 8 ~80.6.
- **Pastoral:** Known for supportive environment and strong STEM enrichment

Ofsted: Outstanding (Feb 2022).

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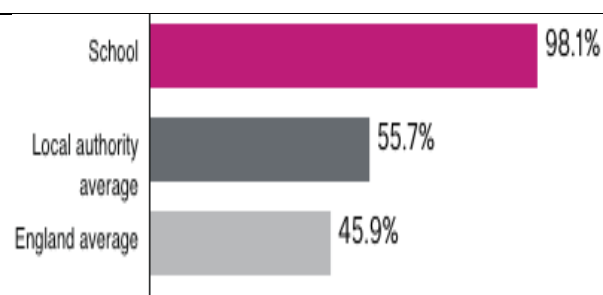
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Staying in education or entering employment.

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St Olave's & St Saviour's Grammar (boys, Orpington)

- **Admissions:** Highly selective entrance test; oversubscription by score.
- **Performance:** Among top boys' schools nationally for GCSE and A level.
- **Pastoral:** Strong academic focus; supportive sixth-form progression.

Ofsted: Outstanding (Nov 2024).

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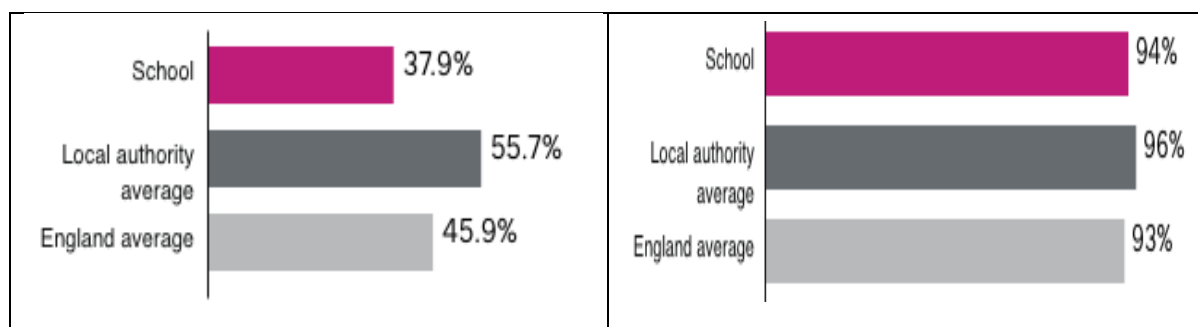
Non-selective / comprehensive academies

Orpington & Farnborough

Charles Darwin (mixed, Biggin Hill):

- **Performance:** Progress and attainment near national average.
- **Admissions:** Serves the southern part of the borough; wide catchment.

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Darrick Wood (mixed)

- **Admissions:** Large, oversubscribed comprehensive – distance is main factor.

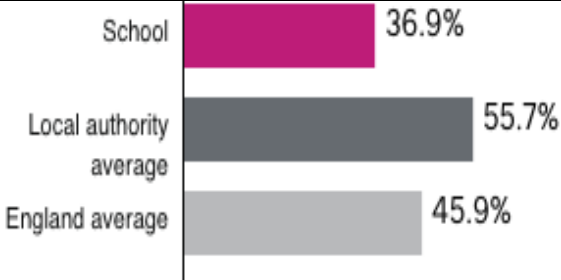
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Bromley Town & Hayes

Bishop Justus CofE school (mixed)

- **Performance:** Broad curriculum; average Progress 8.
- **Admissions:** Popular in Chislehurst; distance priority.

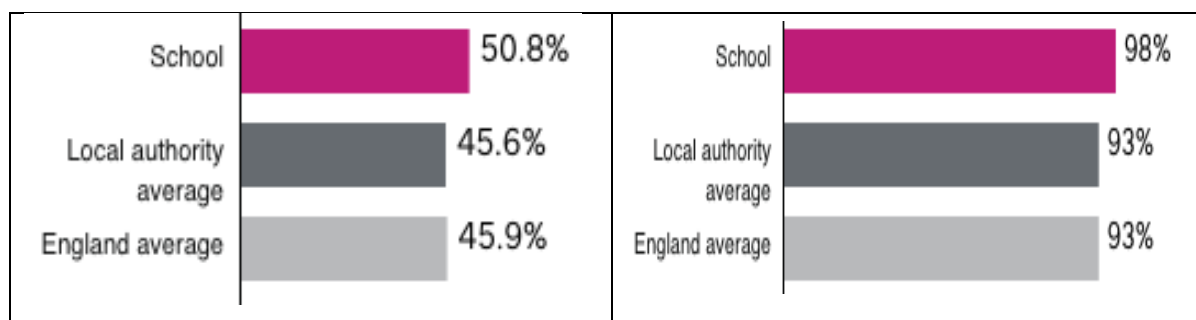
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Bonus Pastor Catholic College (mixed)

- **Location:** In Downham, on the Bromley/Lewisham border.
- **Performance:** Good outcomes for a mixed intake; strong reputation for discipline and pastoral care
- **Admissions:** Catholic Voluntary Aided; SIF + proof of practice required. Priority to Catholic children, then siblings/distance.

Ofsted Rating: Outstanding (2023)	
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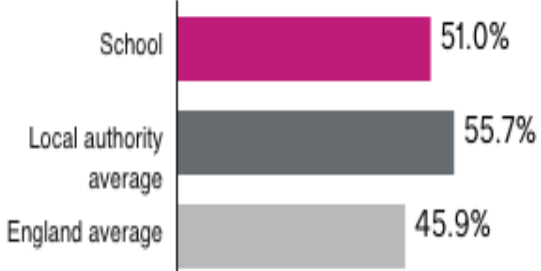
- **Admissions:** Among the most oversubscribed in Bromley; very tight distance cut-offs.

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The Ravensbourne School (mixed)

- **Performance:** Steady outcomes; wide subject choice at GCSE & A level.
- **Admissions:** Local comprehensive with high demand.

Ofsted Rating: Good(2024)

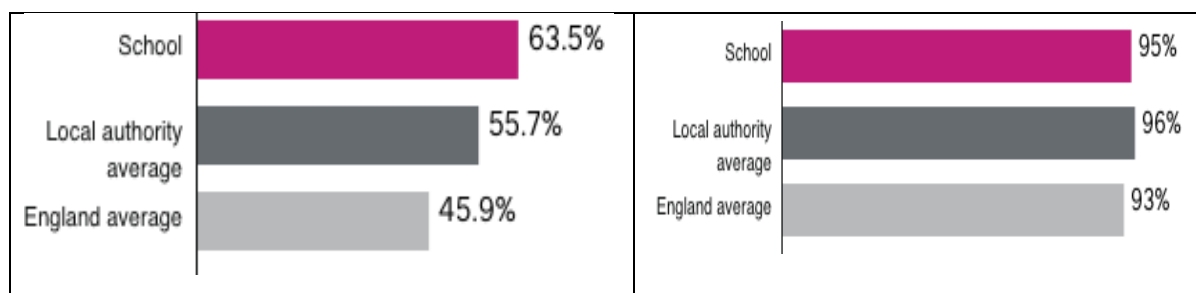
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Beckenham & Penge

Harris Academy Beckenham (mixed)

- **Performance:** Above-average outcomes.
- **Admissions:** Requires all applicants to sit a **banding test** (ensures intake across ability range).

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Harris Girls' Academy Bromley

- **Admissions:** Banding test required.

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Langley Park School for Boys

- **Admissions:** Oversubscribed; distance cut-offs vary each year.

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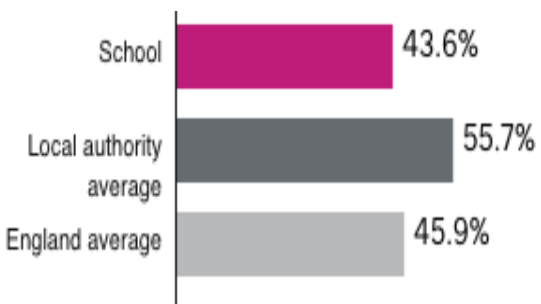
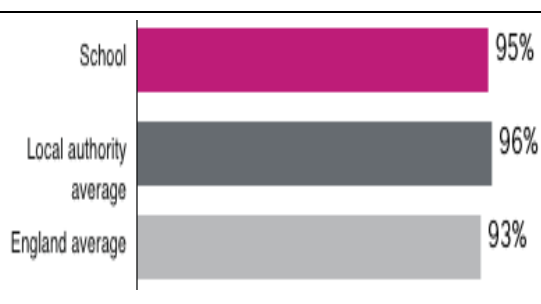
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- **Admissions:** Distance priority; very popular.

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Orion Eden Park

- **Performance:** GCSE results below Bromley average, but strong uptake of EBacc subjects and improving sixth-form outcomes (high A-level pass rates).

- **Admissions:** Larger school (~1,300 students) with a **17:1 pupil-teacher ratio**.
Noted for positive **pastoral care, behaviour, and extra-curricular breadth**.

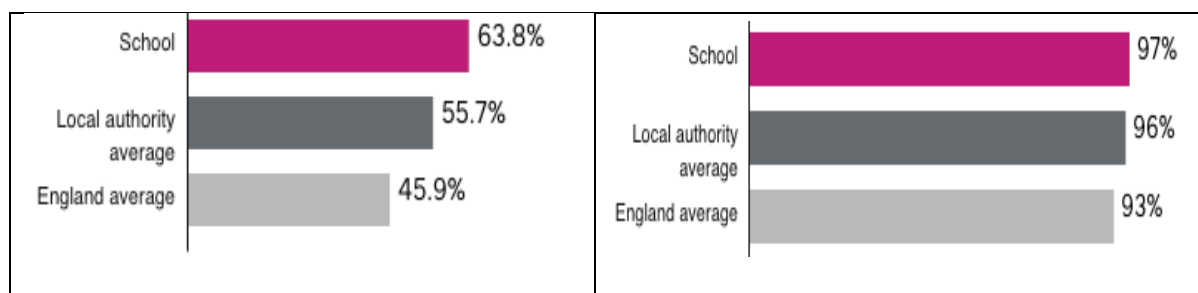
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Chislehurst & Mottingham

Bullers Wood School

- **Performance:** Among highest achieving comps in the borough; strong EBacc uptake.
- **Admissions:** Extremely popular; tight distance cut-off.

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Bullers Wood School for Boys: opened 2018;

- **Performance:** Growing reputation; improving outcomes each year.
- **Admissions:** Distance priority; still competitive.

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Chislehurst School for Girls

- **Performance:** Attainment and progress steady; improving reputation locally.
- **Admissions:** Distance cut-offs apply; oversubscribed.

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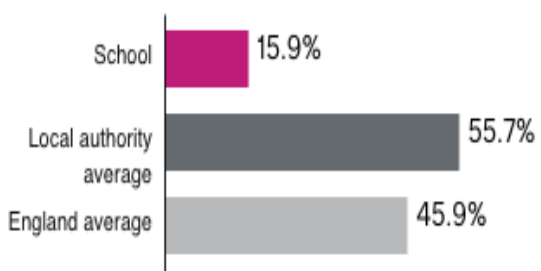
Coopers School (mixed)

- **Performance:** Broad curriculum; average Progress 8.
- **Admissions:** Popular in Chislehurst; distance priority.

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Kemnal Technology College (mixed)

- **Location:** On the Sidcup/Chislehurst border
- **Performance:** GCSE results below borough average; only a small proportion achieve strong passes in English & Maths. Offers both GCSE and vocational pathways, with structured pastoral support.
- **Admissions:** via Bromley standard criteria (EHCP, looked-after, siblings, distance).

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Selective & Popular Options Beyond Bromley

Why Bromley Parents Apply

- **More grammar options:** With only Newstead Wood and St Olave's in-borough, testing elsewhere broadens opportunities.
- **Proximity:** For some families, Bexley, Kent, Sutton, or Croydon schools are actually closer than Orpington or central Bromley.
- **Sibling/community links:** Many families follow older siblings into out-of-borough schools.

- **Specialisms:** Parents look for particular strengths — IB at Dartford Grammar and Tonbridge Grammar, STEM at Beths/Wilmington, humanities at Townley, or strong arts/sport in Croydon independents.

Bexley Grammars (via Bexley Selection Test)

- Entry is via the **Bexley Selection Test (11+)**, sat in Year 6. There is **no residency requirement**: children from Bromley can sit the test and, if they qualify, can be offered a place.
- Oversubscription is usually resolved by **rank order of score** and then **distance from the school**.

Bexley Grammar School (mixed, Welling)

- **GCSE:** School's 2024 subject summary shows **68.6% of grades 9–7; 17.9% were grade 9**; one pupil achieved 12×9s.
- **Ofsted: Outstanding** (Oct 2022).
- **Admissions/oversubscription:** ranked by **Bexley 11+** score; distance is a common tie-break (see policy). Open evenings **14–16 Oct 2025** (school notices).
- **Pastoral note:** Sunday Times analysis reported **99% of parents** said their child is happy there.
- **Open Day:** 14th/15th/16th October 2025 (Booking will be open on school website once Bexley Selection Test Results have been released)

Beths Grammar School (boys, Bexley)

- **Ofsted: Good** (2022)
- **Admissions/oversubscription:** Bexley 11+ first; **Criteria 8** also allows offers to **Kent-Test-only** qualifiers **after** Bexley-selective applicants (policy/FAQ). Historical FOI data shows distance cut-offs around **7–10 miles** in some years. [Beths Grammar School+1](#)
- **Open Day:** Not yet available. Keep checking school website.

Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School (mixed, Sidcup)

- **DfE performance lens:** pupils achieve **over half a grade higher** than similar pupils nationally (Progress 8 comparison).
- **Ofsted: Good** (Dec 2022).
- **Open Days:** 17th/20th/21st October 2025 (Booking will be open on school website once Bexley Selection Test Results have been released)

Townley Grammar School (girls, Bexleyheath)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding (2023)
- **Progress 8 score:** The academic progress that pupils make from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4. This is based on 8 qualifications.

The banding for this school or college is '**well above average**' because the score is greater than or equal to 0.5, and the entire confidence interval is above 0.

- **Admissions/oversubscription:** **20 Pupil Premium places** for girls who meet the qualifying score; then distance-ordered categories (see 2025/26 policies).
townleygrammar.org.uk+1
- **Open Day:** Open Mornings 9th/10th/13th/14th/15th/16th/17th September.

Kent Schools (Kent Test)

Dartford & Wilmington (closest to North Bromley)

Dartford Grammar School (Boys)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding
- **2024 GCSEs:** Attainment 8: approximately 78.3 (among the highest nationally); 100% of students achieved Grade 5+ in English & Maths
- **Highlights:** Offers both IB and A-levels; known for its global outlook—e.g., students study Mandarin or Japanese and receive humanities-enriched education
- **Why Bromley families look here:** Exceptional academic performance, IB availability, and strong pastoral support for international-mindedness.

Dartford Grammar School for Girls

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding
- **Performance (2024):** 23% of all GCSE grades were Grade 9; 72% were Grades 7–9; Sixth-form A-levels: 12% A*, 41% A*/A, and 73% A*–B
- **Standout features:** Outstanding academic rigour in both GCSEs and A-levels, with exceptionally high top-grade percentages.
- **Appeal:** Great for girls seeking an academically robust environment with consistent results year after year.

Wilmington Grammar School for Girls

- **Ofsted:** Good as of Nov 2022 [s](#)

- **GCSE & A-level:** In 2022, 93% achieved Grade 5+ in English & Maths; average A-level point score: 38.08 (overall B-) with best-three average 40.04 (B)
 - **Community, tends, & prep:** The school emphasizes inclusivity, offers extensive extracurriculars, and details a clear admissions structure with SEN/EHCP priority and proximity considerations
 - **Why it matters:** Strong overall performance with a community feel and transparent entry policies, making it a stable, well-rounded choice.
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Wilmington Grammar School for Boys

- **Ofsted:** Good
- **Results:** 97% achieved Grade 5+ in English & Maths; Attainment 8 around 66.5; A-level average points ~33.3; stronger value-added outcomes relative to priors
- **Admissions policy:** Offers up to 10% of places (governor places) for top performers, additional support for Pupil Premium families, and staff children priority within close radius
- **When families choose it:** Academic success paired with thoughtful admissions flexibility and equitable access.

Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells & Sevenoaks corridor

The Judd School (Tonbridge, boys)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding (latest).
 - **Admissions:** One of the most selective in Kent. Places are ranked strictly by **Kent Test score**, with distance used only as a final tie-break.
 - **Strengths:** Renowned for sciences and mathematics; a high proportion of students progress to Russell Group and Oxbridge universities.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** For academically exceptional boys, Judd is often seen as a natural next step beyond local grammar options.
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The Skinners' School (Tunbridge Wells, boys)

- **Ofsted:** Good.
- **Admissions:** Entry via the **Kent Test**; PAN (Planned Admission Number) is 160 per year.
- **Strengths:** Strong tradition in sport, leadership, and academic rigour. Often praised for balancing high standards with pastoral care.
- **Why Bromley families apply:** Popular for families in **Orpington and Farnborough** with easy rail access into Tunbridge Wells.

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School (TWGGS, girls)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** Requires a pass in the **Kent Test**. Oversubscription criteria include looked-after children, siblings, then distance within defined priority areas.
 - **Strengths:** Excellent record in languages, humanities, and sciences. GCSE and A-level results consistently place it among the highest-performing girls' schools in the county.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** An academically ambitious environment with strong female role models, accessible by train from Bromley South/Orpington.
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Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys (TWGSB)

- **Ofsted:** Good.
- **Admissions:** Kent Test required. The school has **expanded with a Sevenoaks satellite campus**, significantly increasing capacity and improving access for families in North-West Kent and Bromley.
- **Strengths:** Offers a broad curriculum with improving outcomes. The new campus means more local places for Bromley/Sevenoaks applicants.
- **Why Bromley families apply:** The Sevenoaks expansion reduces travel and makes this a more practical grammar option for families in north and west Bromley.

Sutton Grammars (via Selective Eligibility Test)

Many Bromley families apply to **Sutton grammars**, especially those in Beckenham, West Wickham, and Crystal Palace, because of train and tram links to Sutton. Entry is highly competitive and begins with the **SET exam in September**, followed by a second-stage exam at some schools.

Sutton Grammar School (boys)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** Selective; places offered based on SET results, with additional school-run second stage tests.
 - **Strengths:** Strong in STEM and languages; very high GCSE and A-level outcomes; consistently ranked among the top state schools nationally.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** Direct train connections make Sutton Grammar a realistic option for academically strong boys in west Bromley.
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Wilson's School (boys)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** Entry via SET, plus second-stage exams. Places awarded largely on rank order of performance.
 - **Strengths:** Academic powerhouse with exceptional exam results. Renowned for chess, sport, and co-curricular clubs.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** For ambitious families, Wilson's offers elite-level results comparable to top independents.
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Wallington County Grammar School (boys)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** SET + second stage; ranked by performance, then distance.
 - **Strengths:** Strong academic standards, particularly in maths and sciences. Smaller and more intimate than some Sutton peers.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** A good balance of academic excellence and manageable size.
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Wallington High School for Girls

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** SET plus second-stage assessment; places offered in rank order.
 - **Strengths:** Excellent GCSE and A-level results; broad extracurricular opportunities.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** A strong option for girls in west Bromley who want grammar standards outside Bexley.
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Nonsuch High School for Girls

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding.
 - **Admissions:** SET + second-stage exam; oversubscription resolved by rank and distance.
 - **Strengths:** Very high GCSE outcomes, excellent science facilities, wide co-curricular provision.
 - **Why Bromley families apply:** One of the most academically demanding girls' grammars, with strong results across the board.
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Croydon Schools

Croydon is another popular destination for Bromley families, particularly those in **Beckenham, West Wickham, and Crystal Palace**. Options here include selective independents, high-performing comprehensives, and Harris academies.

State/Comprehensive

Riddlesdown Collegiate (Purley)

- **Ofsted:** Outstanding (2023).
- **Strengths:** Exceptional academic performance for a non-selective school; strong pastoral support.
- **Why Bromley families apply:** A realistic alternative to grammars, with excellent results and a collaborative collegiate system.

Harris Federation Schools (e.g. Harris City Academy Crystal Palace, Harris Invictus Croydon, Harris Purley)

- **Ofsted:** Most Harris schools in Croydon are Outstanding or Good.
- **Admissions:** Require a **banding test** to balance intake across ability groups (not selective in the grammar sense).
- **Strengths:** Strong academic improvement across the board; structured teaching environment.
- **Why Bromley families apply:** Harris schools offer high standards without the pressure of grammar selection.

Independent School Options Popular with Bromley Families

Independent schools are a common choice for Bromley families who want smaller class sizes, wider co-curricular opportunities, or selective entry without relying on grammar school tests. Many offer scholarships or bursaries — worth exploring if affordability is a factor.

In Bromley

Bromley High School (GDST, Girls 4–18, Bickley)

- Part of the Girls' Day School Trust, set on a large leafy campus.
- Known for strong academic results, excellent music and drama, and competitive sport.
- Offers a wide range of clubs and enrichment from junior through sixth form.

Farringtons School (Co-ed 3–18, Chislehurst)

- Day and boarding school with a 100-acre campus.
- Strong emphasis on pastoral care and Christian ethos.
- Offers GCSEs and A levels plus BTEC pathways.

Babington House School (Co-ed 3–18, Chislehurst)

- Small, selective independent with a family feel.
- Praised for individualised teaching and close community.
- Academic results consistently above national averages for size.

Bishop Challoner School (Shortlands)

- Historic Catholic day school.
- **Closed July 2025** – families should not consider for 2026 entry.

Nearby (Lewisham / Greenwich borders)

Eltham College (Mottingham, Co-ed 7–18)

- Fully co-educational since September 2024.
- High GCSE and A-level results; strong reputation for sciences and sport.
- Extensive co-curricular programme (music, drama, Duke of Edinburgh).

St Dunstan's College (Catford, Co-ed 3–18)

- Modern, progressive ethos blending academic rigour with creativity.
- Offers a “Dunstonians” programme promoting leadership and life skills.
- Recently refurbished facilities for STEM, sport, and the arts.

Colfe's School (Lee Green, Co-ed 3–18)

- Selective day school; known for academic stretch and Oxbridge entrants.
- Broad extra-curricular life with strong sport and CCF.
- Offers significant bursary provision (especially sixth form).

Dulwich Cluster (Southwark)

Dulwich College (Boys 7–18)

- Prestigious boys' school with strong academic outcomes.
- Renowned for sport (particularly rugby and cricket) and the arts.
- Large campus with extensive facilities.

Alleyn's (Co-ed 4–18)

- Popular co-ed alternative in Dulwich.
- Balances academic excellence with pastoral warmth.
- Offers a wide arts and music programme.

James Allen's Girls' School (JAGS, 4–18)

- One of the UK's oldest girls' schools.
- Strong academics combined with a renowned music school.
- Supportive pastoral environment with a big focus on wellbeing.

Croydon

Whitgift School (Boys 10–18)

- Academic powerhouse with a national reputation.
- Exceptional sport (rugby, cricket, football), music, and arts.
- Extensive scholarship programme (including sport and music).

Trinity School (10–18, Co-ed Sixth Form; moving fully co-ed from Sept 2027)

- Currently boys with girls in the sixth form; first co-ed intake for Year 7 begins 2027.
- Strong academic results, particularly in STEM and music.
- Pastoral care frequently praised in ISI reports.

Croydon High School (GDST, Girls 3–18)

- All-through girls' day school on a spacious campus.
- Emphasis on confidence, leadership, and wide co-curriculars.
- Academic outcomes strong at GCSE and A level.

✓ Parent Tip: When considering independents, check entry points (often at 7+, 11+, 13+ and sixth form), as well as available **scholarships and bursaries**. Many Bromley families apply to both selective state grammars and independents to keep options open.

Oversubscription & What to Check (Bromley)

- **Bromley grammars (Newstead Wood & St Olave's):** Admission is by entrance test. Places are ranked by **test score**. Tie-breakers usually involve **distance** or other published criteria. Very competitive — many applicants travel from outside Bromley.
- **Kent grammars (applied to by many Bromley families):** Entry via the **Kent Test**. Oversubscription varies: some schools (e.g. Judd, Tonbridge Grammar, Skinners') admit by **highest scores regardless of distance**, while others (e.g. Dartford/Wilmington) use **distance cut-offs** once the qualifying score is reached.
- **Bexley grammars:** Ranking by **Bexley 11+ score**, then distance. Townley reserves 20 Pupil Premium places; Beths has a lower-priority route for Kent Test qualifiers. Always check the school's current admissions policy.
- **Faith schools (e.g. Bonus Pastor Catholic College):** Require a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** plus proof of religious practice. Priority is usually: looked-after children of the faith, siblings, then distance.
- **Comprehensives & academies:** Standard order: EHCP naming the school, looked-after/previously looked-after, siblings, then distance. Bromley's popular comprehensives (e.g. Hayes, Bullers Wood, Langley) can have very tight distance cut-offs.
- **Harris academies:** All applicants sit a **banding test**. There's no pass/fail — pupils are placed into ability bands and the school admits evenly from each band to maintain a balanced intake.

SEN & Pastoral Signposts (for Open Events)

- **Meet the SENCO** and ask about assessment processes, learning support, and transition planning from primary.
- Ask about **reasonable adjustments** for entrance tests (for grammars and faith schools).

- Check Ofsted or ISI reports for comments on **safeguarding, behaviour, bullying, and inclusion**.
- For **faith schools**, explore how pastoral care is delivered alongside their religious ethos.
- Ask about **mental health and wellbeing provision** (counsellors, peer mentors, anti-bullying ambassadors).

Open-Event Pointers

- **Grammar schools:** Newstead Wood, St Olave's, Bexley grammars, Dartford/Wilmington, and Sutton grammars usually hold open events in **September and October** — some require advance booking.
- **Comprehensives and academies:** Most publish **open evenings and morning tours** on their websites. Oversubscribed schools (Hayes, Bullers Wood, Langley) often require online booking.
- **Independents:** Many hold multiple **taster days and open mornings** across the year. For 11+ entry, visit in Y5 as well as Y6.
- **Tip:** Always re-check school websites close to the event — times and booking systems can change year-to-year.

Bromley Secondary Schools — Alphabetical Comparison (State-funded)

School	Admissions (brief)	Performance (brief)	Ofsted (latest)
Bishop Justus Church of England School	Faith school (SIF required); otherwise sibling/distance.	Broad curriculum; mixed outcomes; check latest DfE figures.	Requires Improvement (2025)
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	Catholic faith criteria (SIF); then sibling/distance.	Strong pastoral care; solid outcomes for mixed intake.	Outstanding (2023)
Bullers Wood School	Non-selective; very oversubscribed; distance cut-off applies.	Among highest-performing comprehensives in Bromley.	Good (2024)
Bullers Wood School for Boys	Non-selective; distance priority; oversubscribed.	Improving results; growing reputation since 2018.	Good (2023)

Charles Darwin School	Non-selective; broad southern catchment by distance.	Around national averages; strong arts and sixth-form pathways.	Good (2023)
Chislehurst School for Girls	Non-selective; distance priority; oversubscribed.	Steady progress; improving recent cohorts.	Good (2023)
Coopers School	Non-selective; distance-based oversubscription.	Balanced curriculum; average progress.	Good (2023)
Darrick Wood School	Non-selective; large, oversubscribed; distance tie-break.	Popular; consistent outcomes over time.	Good (2024)
Harris Academy Beckenham	Non-selective; banding test for balanced intake.	Above-average outcomes; strong structure.	Outstanding (2023)
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	Non-selective; banding test for balanced intake.	Very strong outcomes for a non-selective intake.	Outstanding (2024)
Hayes School	Non-selective; very oversubscribed; tight distance cut-off.	Consistently high results; wide subject offer.	Outstanding (2022)
Kemnal Technology College	Non-selective; standard Bromley criteria.	Below borough average at GCSE; vocational options.	Requires Improvement (2025)
Langley Park School for Boys	Non-selective; oversubscribed; distance applies.	Above-average outcomes; strong sport and co-curricular.	Good (2024)
Langley Park School for Girls	Non-selective; oversubscribed; distance applies.	Strong English/humanities; good overall results.	Good (2022)
Newstead Wood School	Selective grammar; own entrance test.	Top-tier grammar results (very high 7–9 at GCSE).	Outstanding (2022).
Orion Eden Park (Eden Park High School)	Non-selective; standard Bromley criteria.	Below borough average GCSE; improving sixth form.	Good (2021)
St Olave's & St Saviour's Grammar School	Selective grammar; own entrance test.	Nationally top results at GCSE and A level.	Outstanding (2024).

The Ravensbourne School	Non-selective; local priority by distance.	Steady outcomes; broad GCSE/A-level choice.	Good (2024)
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