



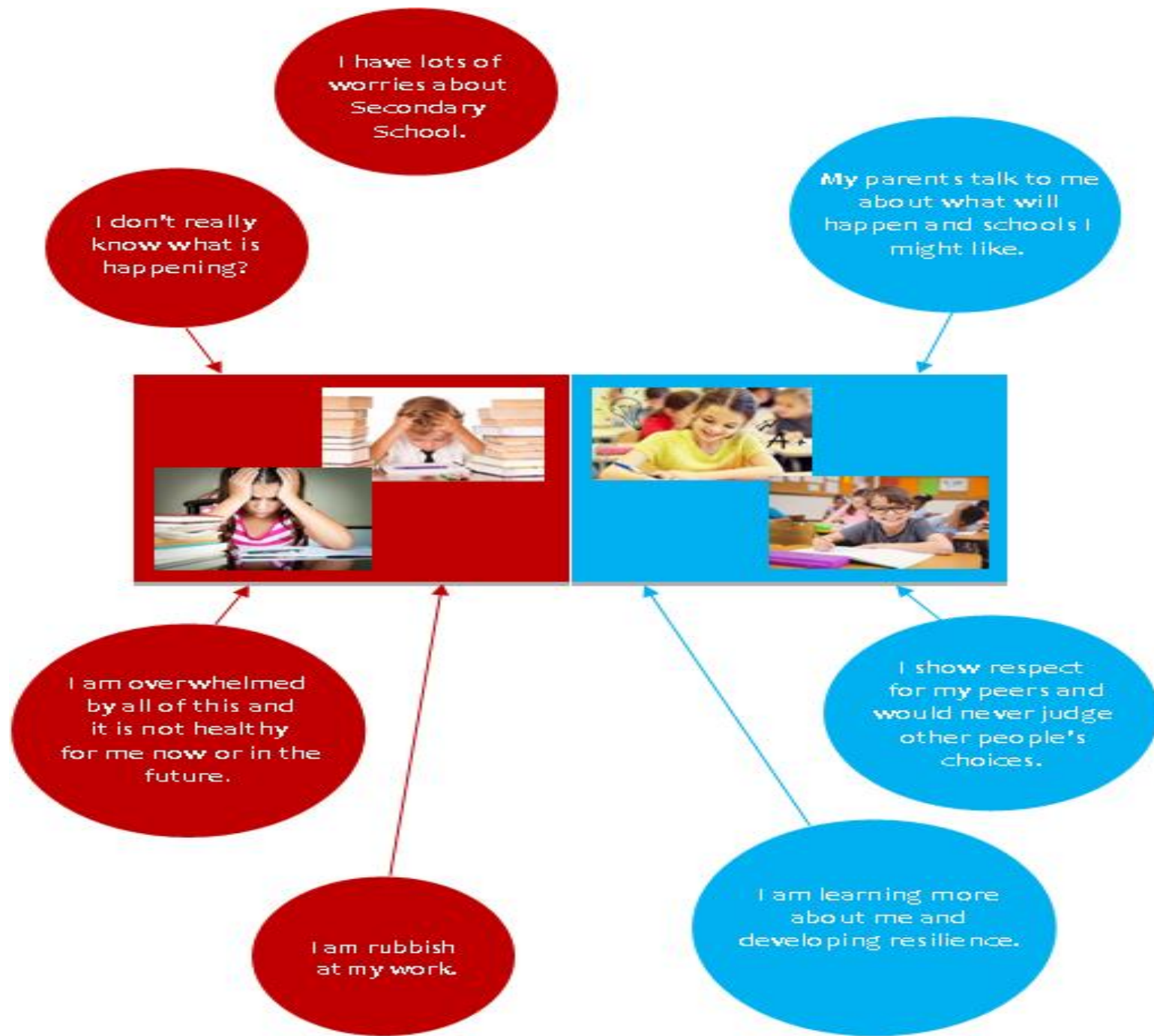
Secondary School Transfer Meeting

June 2026



Choosing A Secondary School

- ▶ Trust your knowledge of your child;
- ▶ Book a meeting/ask questions of Holy Ghost as to how your child performs academically and socially
- ▶ Make informed parental decisions about the types of schools, and the number of schools to which you will apply.
- ▶ Manage your own, and your child's expectations
- ▶ Visit the schools you have short listed.
- ▶ Believe in your child, and all of their strengths. Experience has shown that they will be admitted to a school on your short list for them, and that usually the process helps you to make the correct decisions.
- ▶ Avoid sharing adult concerns with children/frame your child's Y5/Y6 terms as positive and enabling



Factors to consider

- ▶ Catholic? Boy, Girl or Co-Ed
- ▶ Up to 16, 16+
- ▶ Travelling distance/options
- ▶ State/independent
- ▶ Size of school
- ▶ Pastoral and SEND support
- ▶ Extra Curricular options
- ▶ Sibling policy/admissions Policy

Local Available Schools

Popular Catholic Schools

Bishop Thomas Grant (CoEd)	Sacred Heart High School (G)
Cardinal Vaughan School (B)	St John Bosco College (CoEd)
Coloma Covent (G)	Ursuline High School (G)
St Philomena's School (G)	Wimbledon College (B)
The London Oratory (B)	La Retraite (G)

Popular Grammar Schools

Wallington County Grammar (B)	Wilson's School (B)
Nonsuch High School (G)	Wallington High School (G)
Sutton Grammar School (B)	Tiffin Grammar School (B)

Popular State Schools

Ashcroft Teachnology Academy (CoEd)	Graveney School (CoEd)
Bollingbroke Academy (CoEd)	Harris Academy Battersea (CoEd)
Burntwood School (CoEd)	Lambeth Academy (CoEd)
Chestnut Grove Academy (CoEd)	Southfields Academy (CoEd)
Dunraven School (CoEd)	St Cecilia's CoE School (CoEd)
Ernest Bevin College (B)	

Popular Independent Schools

Alleyn's School (CoEd)	Streatham & Clapham High School (G)
Dulwich College (B)	The Cedars (B)
Emanuel (CoEd)	The Laurels (G)
James Allen Girls School (G)	Whitgift School (B)
Putney High School (G)	Wimbledon High School (G)
Surbiton High School	Trinity School (B)
Kings Collage Wimbledon (B)	

The Application Process

How do you know when to visit?

- ▶ Schools advertise their open days/evenings on websites.
- ▶ Ring the school to find out when you can visit.
- ▶ Schools send information to Holy Ghost which we circulate.

While at the school

- ▶ Pick up the prospectus.
- ▶ Talk to the pupils.
- ▶ Clarify any queries you may have about the admissions criteria.
- ▶ Ask about their selection process.
- ▶ Think about how well you fulfil the admissions criteria.
- ▶ Ask about the trends last year eg: how far from the school were children admitted?

Catholic, Grammar and State Schools

The Pan-London Admissions Process

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

- ▶ Single application form to the council in which you live
- ▶ Apply for up to 6 schools in any borough
- ▶ Rank the schools in the order you prefer them
- ▶ Applications for schools in other boroughs are passed to other councils
- ▶ Schools consider applications separately using their criteria
- ▶ Schools tell the local council whether they can allocate a place
- ▶ If a child can be allocated a place at more than one school, the council will offer whichever of these the parent listed highest
- ▶ Information is exchanged between councils
- ▶ School offered is whichever one the parent ranked highest of those able to make an offer
- ▶ Single notification from 'home' council sent on **1st March 2027**.

Catholic schools

For **Catholic schools** you will fill in a supplementary form in addition to the Local Authority admissions form, you will also need to provide evidence of your child's baptism and First Holy Communion. You will be required to give the name of your Parish and your Parish Priest. A reference will be required from the Parish Priest.

Wandsworth Test

- ▶ The Wandsworth test - a test used for entry into Wandsworth Secondary Schools only.
- ▶ The closing date for test registration is **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. It will not be possible for the Borough to accept further registrations after this date.

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/secondary-school-admissions/year-6-test/about-the-year-6-test/>

- ▶ Burntwood School and Graveney School both have a proportion of ‘selective’ places which are offered to applicants with the highest total score from the test. Ashcroft Technology Academy and Chestnut Grove Academy use the test scores to split applicants into five equal ability bands. This helps these schools achieve a comprehensive intake of pupils.

Independent Sector

- ▶ Each school will have it's own application process - please refer to each school's website
- ▶ Entrance Exam
- ▶ Interview
- ▶ Application for bursaries and scholarships

Offers made this year

School	Number
Alleyn's School (Co-Ed)	2
Bishop Thomas Grant (Co-Ed)	2
Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School (B)	2
Chestnut Grove (Co-Ed)	1
Dulwich College (B)	1
Graveney School (Co-Ed)	1
Ricards Lodge High School	1
Royal Russell School (Co-Ed)	1
Sacred Heart High School (G)	1
Streatham and Clapham High School (G)	1
The London Oratory (B)	1
Ursuline High School (G)	2
Whitgift School (B)	2
Wimbledon High School (G)	1
Woldingham School	1
N/A - To Ireland	1

Offers made 2024-2025

School	Number
City of London School (B)	2
Epsom College (Co-Ed)	1 (sports scholarship)
Dulwich College (B)	1
Fidelis College (Co-Ed)	1
Ibstock Place (Co-Ed)	1
Sacred Heart High School (G)	2
St John Bosco College (Co-Ed)	1
Streatham and Clapham High School (G)	2
The Holy Cross School (G)	2
The London Oratory (B)	3
Trinity School (B)	1
Wilson's School Grammar (B)	1
Wimbledon College (B)	2
Wimbledon High School (G)	1

Wandsworth Borough also provide information
- please click on the link below for more
information.

- ▶ <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

June	Host Ghost Meeting with Parents - covering all aspects of the secondary transfer process
3 rd September 2026	Closing date for Wandsworth Schools test application
Late September	Test dates
Sept - Oct	Secondary School Open Days / Evenings
Sept - Oct	Optional meeting with primary school to discuss your school choices for your child.
31 st October 2026	Deadline to submit your Common Application Form (CAF) with your school choices.
1 st March 2027	National offer day - Wandsworth Council (or your local council) emails you to inform you of the outcome of your state school application/
Mid to late April May - June	To submit an Appeal Appeals heard
May - July	Induction days held and Catholic / State Secondary Schools.