



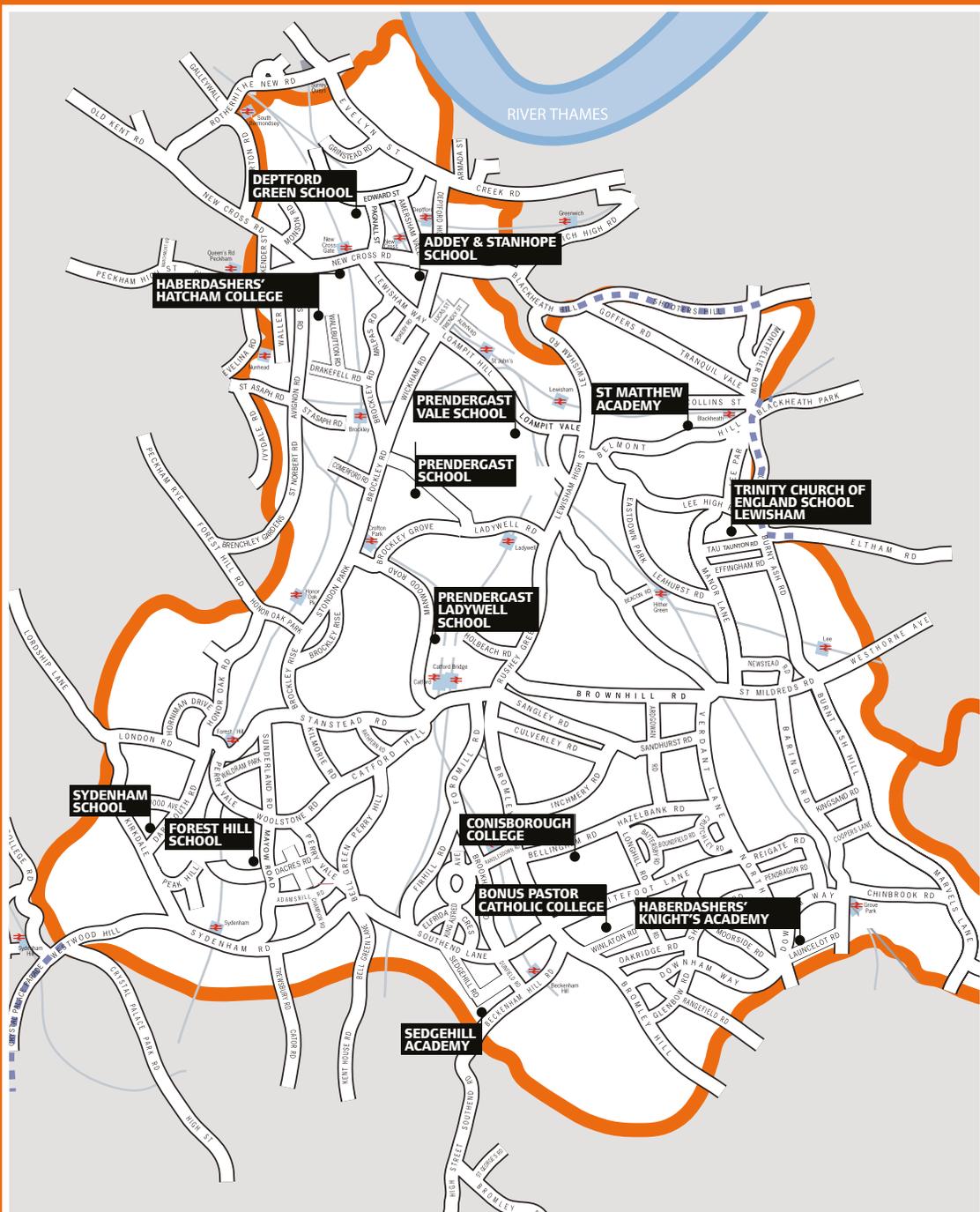
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applications 31 Oct 2023



Bright futures

applying to start secondary school this autumn

Mainstream secondary schools in Lewisham



Introduction

Having had three children pass through local schools, I know what an exciting and important moment this is in your child's life. I also know that it can be an anxious time. We want to help you choose a school that is right for your child.

Secondary schools in Lewisham are exciting places to learn. We are proud that our schools are modern, vibrant and stimulating, with dedicated and skilled staff. I'm also proud that we provide a comprehensive education system in Lewisham, with schools that are determined to help all of our students to thrive and reach their full potential. Ofsted tell us that more Lewisham schools are Good or Outstanding than the average, and the most recent GCSE results show that children in Lewisham schools make better progress than most local authorities nationally. Parents recognise these positives, and I'm pleased that we have seen a rise in the number putting Lewisham schools as their first preference.

This brochure will give you information about the process of moving from primary to secondary school, and also about every secondary school in the borough. There is much more information available online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Visit as many schools as you can

My strongest advice would be to visit as many schools as you can, including ones you haven't considered, before deciding which to apply to. Don't judge a school based on what others say – visit them and make your own decision. In the end, you will know what's right for your child, but you can only make that judgement if you've seen them for yourself. At the time of this going to print, I am pleased to say that all our secondary schools are planning to run physical open days and evenings, and we have included confirmed dates on the back page of this booklet.

Please do not attend dates without checking on the school website first that they are still going ahead.

Are your preferences realistic?

Think about how realistic your preferences are. Make sure you read the admissions criteria for each school and understand how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools. Understand the admissions process and how the preference system works.

How is the journey?

Think about the amount of time your child will spend travelling to school and back. Spending many hours each week travelling to a distant school may not be the best choice for your child. Get to know the schools that are closest to your home – you might be surprised what they have to offer once you visit and speak to staff, parents and students.

Do your research

Ofsted results and performance tables can be important when considering a school, but a lot of the information you can find may be out of date. There are many other elements that make a great school. What sort of school would suit your child? Find out about the extra-curricular activities and support that is available. How does the school challenge high academic achievers? What support is available for children with special educational needs? Does the school take the mental health of its pupils seriously? All these factors could help with your decision.

I know our secondary schools well. I am confident they have a lot to offer Lewisham's children. Wherever your child goes, we wish all those starting secondary school next year the very best for the future.

Councillor Chris Barnham
Cabinet Member for Children's Services
and School Performance

Applying for your child

Applying for a secondary school place can seem like a daunting task. Here are the things you need to know and some tips on the process to help you.

Make a note of the deadline date for applications – Monday 31 October 2023

You need to apply for secondary schools when your child is in Year 6. The application period starts on 1 September and closes on 31 October each year.

Which schools can I apply for?

You can apply for schools in the borough of Lewisham or outside the borough, but not special schools, alternative provision, pupil referral units, or independent (fee paying) schools.

Visit as many schools as you can

Visit as many schools as you can before deciding which ones to apply to. School open days will show you more than a league table can – you'll get a flavour of the school, meet headteachers, staff and students, go on a tour of the school and see examples of students' work.

Read the admissions criteria

It's very important that you understand the admissions criteria for the schools you're interested in so you know whether you have a realistic chance of your application being successful.

Use all your six preferences

You can apply to up to six schools. When you apply, you should use all six preferences for the best chance of getting a place at a school of your choosing. You must list your schools in preference order.

Apply online

Applying online is quick and easy. You need to complete a supplementary information form for some schools, as well as naming the school on your application. For example, a church school will need to see evidence from your church leader of church attendance.

National offer day is Friday 1 March 2024

If you made an 'on time' online application, you will get an email in the evening after 5pm, telling you where your child has been offered a place.

If you applied on a paper application form, or if you haven't been offered a place at any of the schools you applied for, we will send you the results by first class post on Friday 1 March 2024 or by email after 5pm on Friday 1 March 2024.

For more information about applying for a secondary school place, visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions



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

News from our schools

It's an exciting time for secondary schools in Lewisham as they continue to make improvements across the board.

All our secondary schools are part of Lewisham Learning - a schools' led partnership established by school leaders and the local authority to deliver high quality school improvement to all Lewisham schools.

As part of our wider commitment across the borough, important work is happening in our schools to tackle race inequalities in education.

This includes teacher and leadership training, strengthening parent and community

relationships and developing a modern curriculum to better reflect our diverse community here in Lewisham.

We know that these improvements to our education system will be beneficial to all Lewisham children, irrespective of their background.

For more information please visit lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/race-equality-in-schools

2022/23 admissions and appeals rates for Lewisham community schools and own admission authority (AA) schools

The following table indicates how places were allocated on 1 March 2023 under each admissions criterion.

	Successful appeals in the summer of 2020	Number of appeals heard in the summer of 2020	Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan	Distance of last place offered under home-to-school distance (metres)	Sibling on roll	Exceptional medical or social reasons	Year 6 children on roll (AA schools)	Sports or music places (AA schools)	Children looked after	Total number of applications	Published admissions number
Addley & Stanhope	●	●	8	2377.25	32	0	N/A	N/A	3	382	120
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	●	●	10	●	35	0	N/A	N/A	1	728	180
Conisborough College	0	0	14	★	33	0	N/A	N/A	3	365	180
Deptford Green School	0	0	10	2197.06	40	0	N/A	N/A	3	597	180
Forest Hill School	0	0	N/A	★	27	0	N/A	N/A	0	395	180
Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College	●	●	6	1184.18	71	0	N/A	N/A	2	830	208
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	●	●	1	★	51	0	N/A	12	3	486	208
Prendergast School	●	●	1	1243.08	27	0	N/A	11	7	607	120
Prendergast Vale School	●	●	1	★	27	0	N/A	N/A	0	340	120
Prendergast Ladywell School	●	●	7	888.03	34	0	N/A	N/A	4	876	180
St Matthew Academy	●	●	2	●	25	0	N/A	N/A	0	420	180
Sedgehill Academy	●	●	5	2882.60	37	0	N/A	N/A	0	544	180
Sydenham School	1	4	2	1804.12	49	0	N/A	N/A	2	747	240
Trinity Church of England School Lewisham	●	●	2	●	26	0	N/A	N/A	1	383	120

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

For 2023/23 admissions, all distances were measured in metres using a straight line to a point in the school premises as determined by the Ordinance Survey.

How the preference system works

On national offer day your child will be offered one school place. If they qualify for a place at more than one school on the list, they will be offered a place at the school that comes highest out of those potential offers on their list of preferences.

If we can't offer your child a place at one of the schools you applied for, we will offer them a place at the school closest to your home where there is a vacancy.

We strongly recommend that you apply for six schools, including your nearest school.

Examples of the preference system

- Child A has applied for six schools. They don't qualify for a place at the first or second preference school but do qualify for a place at their third preference school. We offer the third preference school to the child on national offer day. The fourth, fifth and sixth preference schools are 'settled' (meaning your application is not progressed further) as they were ranked lower on the list. The child stays on the waiting list of their first and second preference schools and they will get the right of appeal for them.
- Child B has applied for one school. The school is oversubscribed and the child does not qualify for one of the vacancies under the admissions criteria. We tell the parent the outcome and about their right to appeal. We offer a place at the closest school in Lewisham to the family's home where there is a vacancy as an alternative. The child stays on the waiting list for their preferred school.

- Child C has applied for six schools and can be offered a place at their first preference school on national offer day. All of the other schools named on the list are 'settled'. However, the child has an older brother at their third preference school and, after national offer day, the parent wants the child to go to that school instead. The parent will then need to contact the admissions team to make a further application so their child's name is added to the school's waiting list. The parent is also advised to accept the school place offered.
- Child D has applied for six schools, all outside the borough, but does not qualify for a place at any of them. We offer the parent a place at a school where there is a vacancy and tell them about their right to appeal. However, the parent wants their child to go to a school close to their home, which they hadn't applied for. That school is oversubscribed and has not been able to offer all applicants a place. The parent will need to contact the admissions team to make a further application to add their child's name to the waiting list. The parent is advised to accept the place offered and will remain on the waiting list for their higher preference schools.

Our admissions team is available to answer any questions about admissions criteria and the preference system. You can email them at secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk.

Common myths about the admissions process

You will probably hear lots of different things about how the school admissions process works. Here we explain some of the common myths and assumptions people make.

1. My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools

Not true. Your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the school's admission criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (for example, because your preferences were unrealistic) they will be offered a place at the nearest school to your home that has a vacancy after all on-time applicants have been offered places.

2. If I list only one school then my child has to be offered a place there

Not true. Listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to use all six preferences and include your nearest school amongst them.

3. I live nearer to the school than a child who was offered a place under the distance criterion last year so my child is guaranteed a place

Not true. The number of pupils that each school offers places to under each criterion can change from year to year. Just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it doesn't mean your child will be offered a place there. The information about offers in March 2023 for each school is on page 6. However, remember this information is a guide only and no child is guaranteed a place at any school.

4. If I don't put down the nearest school to my house, my child will get allocated a place there anyway

Not true. If your child doesn't get offered a place at any of your preferred schools, they will be offered a place at the nearest school in Lewisham that has places. This won't necessarily be the school nearest to you.

5. If I put the nearest school down on my list of preferences, the local authority will just allocate my child to that school to fill places, regardless of what order I list it

Not true. The admission system is subject to strict legal rules to ensure fairness, and is monitored and managed extremely carefully. The local authority will only offer your child a place at the school closest to you if it is on your list, and they do not get allocated a place at any schools higher up your list.

6. If I 'hassle' the local authority every day and call or email them constantly to make sure my child gets a place at their preferred school, they will eventually give my child a place to keep me quiet!

Not true. You will get a place dependent on where you are in the waiting list. Waiting lists can move between March and September, and you may get other offers. Because of the strict legal rules that guide this process, your chance of getting other offers will not be affected in any way by the amount of contact you have with the admissions team. It's a very busy time for them and they are legally required to allocate places through the admissions criteria process.

Addey and Stanhope School

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I am so proud to be Headteacher of Addey and Stanhope - a school at the heart of the Deptford community, rich in tradition and history. We are a small, caring, high-achieving, ambitious school that has enriched thousands of lives for over 400 years. We truly know our students and have a solid commitment to each and every one of them, and their families. Our work to promote their personal development has rightly been judged as outstanding; our pupils feel happy, safe, and supported – surrounded by an exceptional staff body; excellent teaching; a curriculum that caters to their individual needs; and enrichment opportunities that equip them for successful futures.

We live up to our strapline: ‘A small school doing big things’. Our students go to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group universities and undertake quality apprenticeships. We have strong links with Colfe’s Independent School and Christ’s Hospital School, and students have the opportunity to secure fully funded scholarships to these and other independent schools. Our careers and pathways education is exceptional and nationally recognised as such. We continue to achieve local national and international recognition in a range of areas including citizenship; work with vulnerable students, pastoral care, and our provision for literacy and reading.

Above all, we are a family at Addey and Stanhope – a family that has the happiness, health and success of our students at the very heart of everything we do. We are rooted in our stated values of kindness, integrity, love, acceptance and respect. Our students are Addeyans for life: ‘Once an Addeyan, always an Addeyan’.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Addeyans to join our exceptional school.

Jan Shapiro, Headteacher



Bonus Pastor Catholic College

Winlton Road, Bromley BR1 5PZ
020 8695 2100



Bonus Pastor is an award winning Catholic school with a warm and caring ethos where every student is known and loved. We have a long history of excellent GCSE results and in September 2017 we were graded as 'outstanding' in all categories by Ofsted. Our Principal was shortlisted for the TES National HeadTeacher of the Year in 2021.

Our excellent teachers know their students well and ensure that their learning is personalised. Bonus Pastor is visionary, innovative and research engaged. Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do and our curriculum is broad and balanced, ensuring that our students have the very best outcomes. Our innovative teaching and ability to react to the world around us has meant that our students have been catered for brilliantly throughout the pandemic and we have committed to providing every student with a device. We have been recognised as certified Google trainers. You only have to look at our weekly newsletters to see that outstanding achievement has continued throughout times of national crisis. Our thriving alumni, which includes a number of Lewisham Young Mayors and many Oxbridge graduates, are engaged in the success of the school and our careers advice is exceptional.

Student attendance is outstanding and we are proud that every student goes on to a sixth form placement. In 2017, Ofsted commented on 'the wealth of extra-curricular activities' which prepare our students very well for the next steps of their education.

Bonus Pastor is a truly inspiring school.

Jonathan Ronan, Headteacher



Conisborough College

Conisborough Crescent, Catford SE6 2SE
020 8461 9600



At Conisborough College we pride ourselves on making learning meaningful and memorable. We have high expectations of all students and strive to inspire a love of learning across the college through a highly personalised and engaging curriculum, designed to ensure our young people thrive in a safe, supportive and respectful environment. We aim to ensure that students leave Conisborough as independent and resilient learners and proficient, confident young adults who can successfully take their place in society.

As an inclusive school, we believe that achievement in all areas of school life should be rewarded and celebrated. We challenge our students to excel in all areas of school life; academic, cultural and sporting. We are incredibly lucky to have such a diverse school community, with aspiration, integrity and equality being at the heart of what we do. We ensure our curriculum is inclusive and encourages our children to be critical thinkers and value every individual within the Conisborough community for who they are.

The school has a fully established partnership with Colfe's School who work with us on a range of projects, particularly for academically gifted students. Our highest achieving students can secure scholarships to the sixth form at Colfe's. Our recent partnership with Millwall Community Trust enables students, both boys and girls, to gain access to world class facilities, whilst also having the opportunity to follow vocational courses connected to the sports industry.

We are proud to be an inclusive school that successfully serves our local community.

Conisborough College



Deptford Green School

Edward Street, New Cross SE14 6AN
020 8691 3236



I could not be prouder to be Headteacher of Deptford Green. We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive, diverse school with creativity and community at its heart. Our GREAT values (Growth; Respect; Equality; Accountability; Togetherness) underpin all that we do to ensure our students are happy and feel safe so that they can flourish with their learning in every subject.

As a school who champions The Arts, students are able to fully express themselves through a multitude of opportunities in the arts subjects and also through the plethora of student leadership and voice platforms we prioritise. Rewarding effort and participation is central to our pastoral programme alongside our outstanding pastoral wrap around provision including non-teaching pastoral leaders attached to each year group. Our Place2Be counsellors support fulltime in school alongside our first-class transition programme which enables our new year 7's to start school feeling confident and fully-fledged integral members of our warm school community.

Academic progress is key to student success and opens many doors for our students in their future, our focus on challenge for ALL results in lessons that are exciting and inspiring, promoting curiosity. We work closely with many academic partners including an opportunity for year 9's to study Latin at Colfe's school and visits to Oxford and Cambridge universities as part of the Brilliant Club programme.

Our aim is for our students to become powerful, expressive, resilient and confident people, who are ready to make a difference.

Emma Thurston, Headteacher



Forest Hill School

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Forest Hill School is a thriving and aspirational school providing high-quality education to boys aged 11-16. We also have a highly successful joint Sixth Form provision with Sydenham School for male and female students where four students were offered places at Oxbridge this year.

We believe that students achieve their full potential if they enjoy their work and find it stimulating and challenging. Forest Hill School offers a curriculum of great breadth that includes Dance, Drama, Art and Music alongside the traditional academic subjects, as well as a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom. Our dedicated teaching staff are passionate about their subjects and are experts in educating and inspiring boys to achieve excellence, no matter what their aptitudes and abilities.

It is a strong feature of our school's philosophy to provide a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom. We take students on curriculum-related day trips within London as well as residential trips in the UK and abroad, and offer a plethora of extracurricular clubs – from table tennis and gardening to photography and breakdancing.

It is our priority that every student feels safe, known and valued and we pride ourselves on the quality of our pastoral support. Students' wellbeing and academic progress is overseen by a Head of Year and every boy joins one of four houses, which play a pivotal role in establishing the strong community identity and caring ethos of the school.

Forest Hill has all of the ingredients to build the foundations for a lifetime of success and we look forward to welcoming you.

Michael Sullivan, Headteacher



Haberdashers' Hatcham College

 Pepys Road, New Cross SE14 5SF
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Haberdashers' Hatcham College is an 11-18 secondary academy within the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South. Hatcham College has been educating the young people of London since 1692 and has a strong tradition of educational excellence and providing exceptional opportunities.

My staff and I are committed to developing not only the academic excellence but the character, values and experience that will enable our young people to achieve their potential and go on to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives. Our priority is to provide an engaging and inclusive learning environment, that supports progress and success, whatever their starting points or background.

Our 2019 A Level results were strong once again with students gaining places at top universities including the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and four students starting courses in medicine. GCSE results have improved year on year for the last three years. In 2019 82% of our students gained Grade 4-9 in GCSE English with just under 27% of our students gaining Grades 7-9 in GCSE Mathematics.

We have a wide range of enrichment and engaging opportunities that help our students enjoy their learning and broaden their horizons. The College has a strong tradition of musical excellence but every area of learning has extension opportunities. Students are afforded unique opportunities due to our close working relationship with our chief benefactors, the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers. For example, every Year 7 student has the opportunity to visit the iconic Haberdashers' Hall and many students participate in a number of Trust wide events and functions, which helps develop their confidence. From 2023, year 7 will also enjoy a residential opportunity.

We are proud of our young people who work hard with, and are ably supported by staff to, develop academic excellence. An education that develops not only qualifications but character; this means they can go out into the world and help shape it for the better. A contemporary take on a traditional education allows our young people to aspire, achieve and be the best version of themselves.

Ms K.Scott, Executive Principal



Haberdashers' Knights Academy

Launcelot Road, Bromley BR1 5EB
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Haberdashers' Knights Academy is a school at the heart of its community. We are part of the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South, which has been educating children in South East London since 1876. We are committed to our vision of ensuring that our children get the best start in life 'to achieve their full potential personally, academically and socially'.

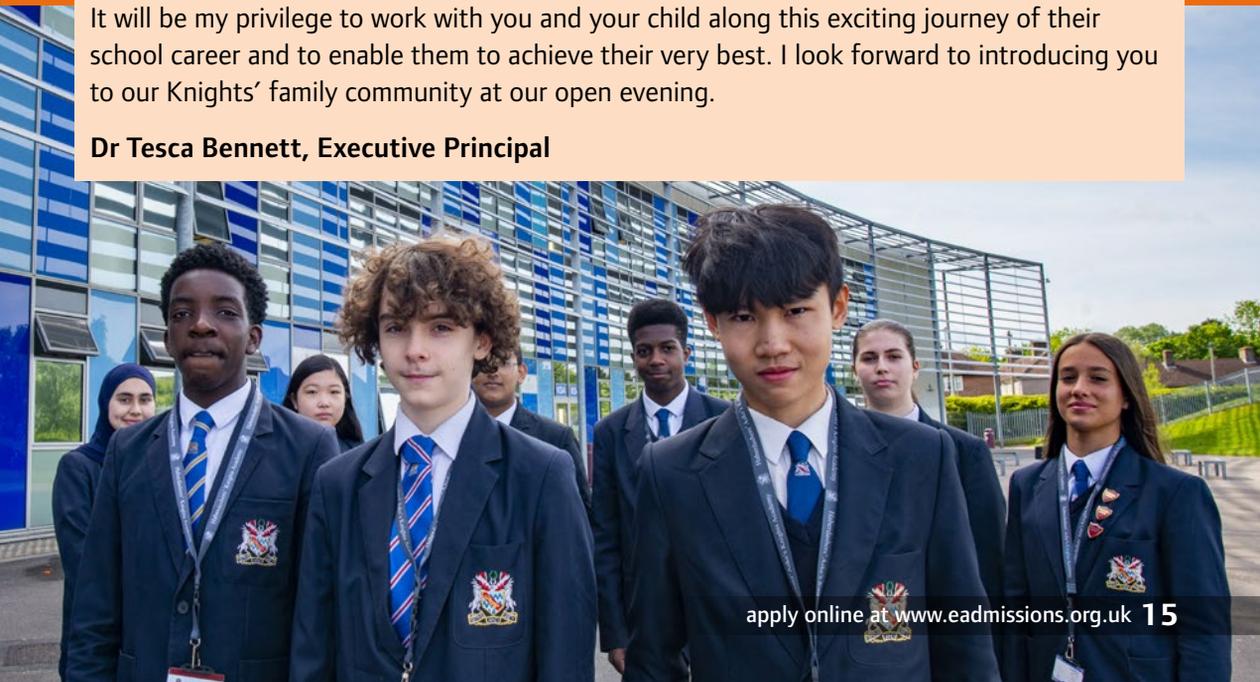
We achieve this vision through our shared 'ASPIRE' values of Accountability, Self Discipline, Partnership, Integrity, Respect and Excellence, helping pupils to turn their ambitions, into success. We have high expectations of our pupils, celebrating the success of the collective and each child as an individual, in equal measure. This means as well as maturing into well-rounded, healthy young people, our pupils develop their confidence, passion for learning and curiosity for life.

Our pupils progress to good universities and apprenticeships and in January, Ofsted judged that we continue to be a 'Good' school, enabling pupils' to succeed through an engaging and stretching curriculum, high-quality teaching, and a vast range of extracurricular and culturally rich opportunities.

We instil moral values in our pupils, enabling them to contribute to our school community and the communities in which they live. Staff at Knights are proud that our school is a happy, supportive, and nurturing environment, that is why it is important to us to work in trusted partnership with our pupils and families.

It will be my privilege to work with you and your child along this exciting journey of their school career and to enable them to achieve their very best. I look forward to introducing you to our Knights' family community at our open evening.

Dr Tesca Bennett, Executive Principal





Prendergast School

Adelaide Avenue, Brockley SE4 1LE
020 8690 3710

At Prendergast School, staff have been providing exceptional opportunities and education for every student for over 130 years. We are an all-girls school, with post-16 provision for male and female students. There is a kind and caring ethos, and students and staff are proud to be part of the school. We celebrate and promote creativity including exceptional opportunities in music for our young people.

The school is set in the beautiful location of Hilly Fields, and has a split site that contains a new build and a restored main building. We have a wide curriculum, including creative subjects such as Music, DT, Textiles and Art. We offer many extra-curricular opportunities and a range of educational trips. You can see a variety of activities that take place on our twitter account @PrendergastSch1 .

Most importantly your child's safety and happiness is key, and we pride ourselves that students feel confident in school and thrive under our care.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Kelly Lovegrove, Headteacher



Prendergast Ladywell School

Manwood Road, Brockley SE4 1SA
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Prendergast Ladywell School is coeducational, 4-16 school where young people from our local community are provided with an excellent education that enables them to achieve outstanding outcomes in a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment. We are a school that CARES; where Community, Ambition, Resilience, Effort and Success are valued. Reflective and kind students are led by well trained teachers and professional support staff. We believe that all our students can Achieve Excellence; it's the motto written on the badge of every student in the school.

Prendergast Ladywell School provides an excellent education with high quality teaching and a challenging and enjoyable curriculum that enables students' progress and provides a range of enrichment activities. Our students are encouraged to make positive contributions to our school, our community, and become healthy, happy and engaged members of society. Our ethos is underpinned by the relationships that the members of our community have with each other. These relationships are built on the foundation of compassion, equity and mutual respect so that every member of our community has a sense of belonging and are free to develop into the best versions of themselves.

Part of the Leathersellers Federation of schools we contribute to and benefit from the collaboration and support our family of schools provide. The forthcoming years at our school will be incredibly exciting. We warmly invite you to be part of our community.

Niall Hand, Headteacher



Prendergast Vale School

Elmira Street, Lewisham SE13 7BN
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Prendergast Vale School is an all-through school for children aged 3–16. Our aim is to enable all students who leave the school to be on the path to university and then onto successful and rewarding careers.

We want all our children to be happy, confident and successful so that they can make a positive contribution to the lives of their friends, families and the wider community. Our curriculum offers every student the opportunity to study academic subjects, such as computer science and separate humanities subjects from Year 7. In addition, our pastoral programme helps develop the character traits needed for successful transition to adulthood.

In January 2018, our school was given a ‘Good’ by Ofsted and ‘Outstanding’ in our primary phase.

Our young people know that to succeed at school, it is important that they “work hard and be nice”.

You are very much welcome to visit our school to see for yourself how we are working together with young people to help them achieve their absolute best.

Mr E Coogan, Headteacher



St Matthew Academy

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At St Matthew Academy, within our inclusive caring Catholic community, we pursue excellence in all that we do. Our unique, rich offer supports pupils to become happy, successful and confident learners. We were delighted that Ofsted agreed with us when they visited in 2019 and judged us as a Good school. Our March 2023 denominational inspection confirmed SMA is on the way to becoming a truly great school – as the report shows: “The behaviour of pupils is exemplary in lessons and around the school, and strong and positive relationships are evident throughout the school.”

We are incredibly ambitious for every pupil. We are committed to ensuring that they excel academically and have enriching experiences equipping them for life. We promise to nurture faith, cultivate ambition, and discover talents, ensuring we build on foundations learned in primary school and develop the skills needed for success in our modern world.

We offer opportunities for pupils to enhance their academic and personal development, including our Media & Communication and Sporting Brilliance scholarships and Grammar + pathways. We support each pupil through consistent pastoral care, our motto, ‘let your light shine’, comes from the Gospel of Matthew and captures our belief in the unique quality and ability of every child.

I am proud to be Headteacher at SMA and of our hard-working and self-assured pupils, dedicated staff and the strong working relationship with parents and carers that we benefit from. I look forward to meeting you at an Open Event or our doors are always open for a tour of the school with some pupil ambassadors at a time that suits you.

Miranda Baldwin, Headteacher



Sedgehill Academy

 Sedgehill Road, Catford SE6 3QW
 020 8698 8911



At Sedgehill Academy, we continue to work extremely hard to provide an excellent local school and we are incredibly proud of the progress we have made since becoming part of United Learning. We have a culture of high expectations and aspirations and we are determined to bring out the very best in every student.

Academic achievement is our number one priority. We offer an outstanding education in a warm and supportive environment, uniting high academic achievement with strong development of character. We have high expectations for all our students and we support our students to achieve the qualifications they need to open doors to university, training and employment, and gain skills that will set them apart from others. We expect them to achieve well across a wide range of subjects, through a rich, broad and challenging curriculum.

But, at Sedgehill, we believe that there is more to a good education than academic success. We aim to develop character, compassion and service. We want students to try things they haven't done before, to persist in the face of difficulty and to become resilient in overcoming obstacles. Throughout their time with us, we expect them all to contribute positively to our school community and to society, in preparation for being active citizens in our global world. We are extremely proud of the culture of kindness and respect that we have created through our academy values of hard work, kindness, integrity and excellence. Our Academy is inclusive and welcoming, we value and respect students of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities.

Our students benefit from an Education with Character: an education which challenges, inspires and excites our students and helps them develop into happy, confident and successful young adults. Our sports, drama, art and music facilities are state-of-the-art, and all students in years 7 to 9 have the chance to learn a musical instrument as part of the prestigious Music in Secondary Schools Programme which we have been a part of since it was founded.

Clare Cassidy, Headteacher



Sydenham School

 Dartmouth Road, Sydenham SE26 4RD
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Sydenham School has been a school of choice since 1917. We are a popular and oversubscribed school where 'Aim High' continues to be the school motto. We are ambitious for every one of our students and believe that high academic outcomes are an attainable goal for everyone. We combine high quality teaching with an inclusive and a broad curriculum, enabling our students to develop into academically successful, open-minded young people with a sense of community, responsibility to others and a positive regard for themselves. The mental health and wellbeing of our students is an important aspect of our provision. Our core values include respect, endeavour and kindness.

The school has excellent facilities and benefitted from a £24 million rebuild several years ago, resulting in state of the art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) buildings. We are also committed to developing our students in the Performing and Visual Arts, Humanities and Languages, providing all of our students with the opportunity to develop an intellectual and social confidence, broaden their creative skills, and acquire a critical and global awareness.

We share our Sixth Form with Forest Hill School and operate the well-regarded and extremely popular Sydenham and Forest Hill Sixth Form (SFH6). This offers a wide range of courses and progression routes with outcomes and destinations for our students that are above the national average.

Emma Wijnberg, Headteacher



Trinity Church of England School Lewisham

 Taunton Road, Lee SE12 8PD
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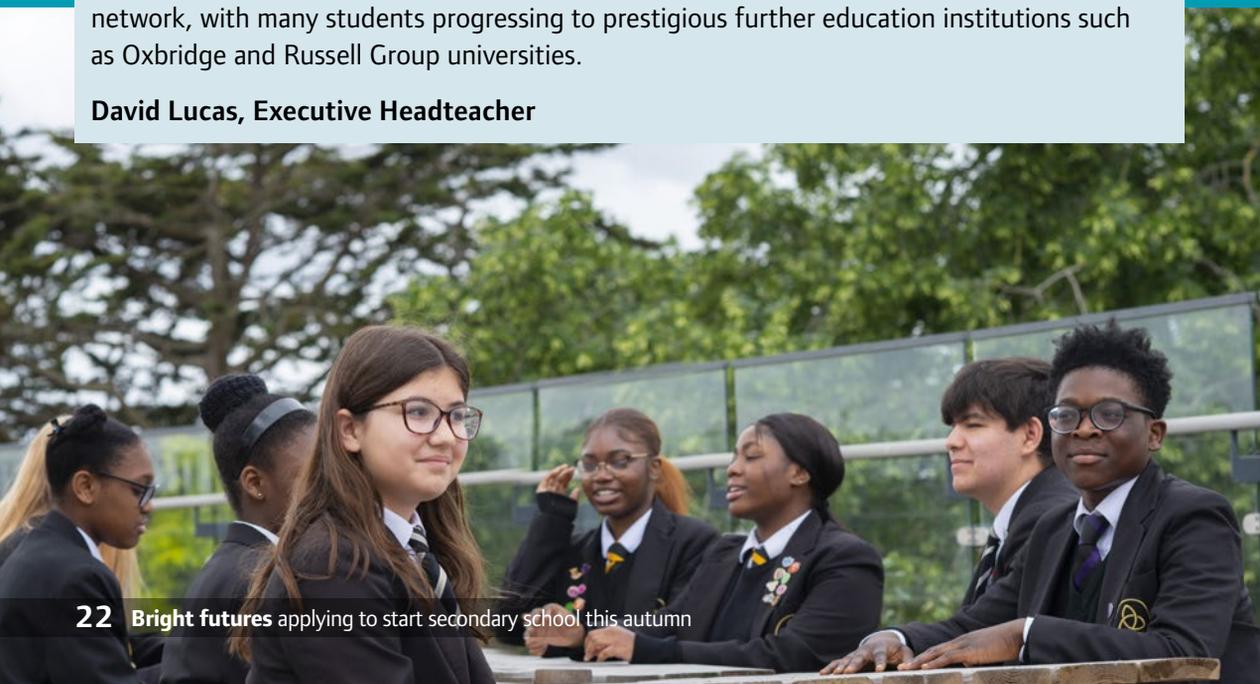


Trinity Church of England is an inclusive all-through school that provides stability and progression from age 4 to 16. With an outward looking and forward-thinking culture, we welcome pupils of all faiths and beliefs. Our goal is to help each member of our school family fulfil their potential and become global citizens. We are proud of our achievements, being rated as a 'Good' School with Outstanding elements by Ofsted in 2021, and as an 'Outstanding' School in our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) report. Additionally, we have been recognized with the Inclusion Quality Mark as a 'Centre of Excellence'.

Our daily practices and successes are built upon our ethos, which focuses on three key principles: Learning, Loving, and Living. We foster a learning community with high academic standards, where students thrive. We promote a caring family environment that includes pupils, staff, parents, and governors. And we encourage students to live their lives to the fullest while serving those in need within our wider community.

At Trinity, we offer an aspiring and dynamic environment, supported by a revised and ambitious curriculum from Early Years to Year 11, as praised in the 2021 Ofsted report. We also provide a character education program to develop essential life skills, and a personal development curriculum that empowers students to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. Our inclusive and multicultural community is celebrated through a tailored curriculum. Furthermore, we boast a successful careers programme and an alumni network, with many students progressing to prestigious further education institutions such as Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

David Lucas, Executive Headteacher



Open days (continued from back page)

Forest Hill School

foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 9343

Open evening:

Monday 18 September 6-8pm

Open mornings:

Thursday 21 September 9-10.30am

Friday 22 September 9-10.30am

Thursday 28 September 9-10.30am

Friday 29 September 9-10.30am

Haberdashers' Hatcham College

habshatcham.org.uk • 020 7652 9500

Open evening:

Thursday 5 October

Open mornings:

Tuesday 10 October 9.15-10.15am

Wednesday 11 October 9.15-10.15am

Thursday 12 October 9.15-10.15am

Haberdashers' Knights Academy

habsknights.org.uk • 020 8461 9240

Open evening:

tbc

Prendergast School

prendergast-school.com • 020 8690 3710

Open evening:

Wednesday 13 September 6-8pm (music open evening 5-6pm)

Open mornings:

Monday 11 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 12 September 9.15-10.30am

Friday 15 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 19 September 9.15-10.30am

Virtual open evening:

Wednesday 20 September 6-8pm

Prendergast Ladywell School

prendergast-ladywell.com • 020 8690 1114

Open evening:

Thursday 12 September 6-8pm

Thursday 21 September (virtual) 6-7pm

Open mornings:

Thursday 14 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 19 September 9.15-10.30am

Thursday 21 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 26 September 9.15-10.30am

Prendergast Vale School

prendergast-vale.com • 020 8297 3540

Open mornings/evenings:

tbc

St Matthew Academy

stmatthewacademy.co.uk • 020 8853 6250

Open evening:

Tuesday 26 September 4.30-7.30pm

Open mornings:

Tuesday 19 September 9.15-11am

Wednesday 20 September 9.15-11am

Tuesday 3 October 9.15-11am

Tuesday 10 October 9.15-11am

Thursday 12 October 9.15-11am

Open afternoon:

Wednesday 4 October 1.15-2.30pm

Sedgehill Academy

sedgehillacademy.org.uk • 020 8698 8911

Open evening:

tbc

Visit the school website to view and book open morning events

Sydenham School

sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 6731

Open mornings:

Thursday 14 September 9.15 -10.40am

Tuesday 19 September 9.15 -10.40am

Saturday 23 September 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 26 September 9.15 -10.40am

Wednesday 4 October 9.15 -10.40am

Trinity Church of England School Lewisham

trinitylewisham.org.uk • 020 8852 3191

Open mornings:

Tuesday 12 September 9-10.30am

Thursday 14 September 9-10.30am

Tuesday 19 September 9-10.30am

Thursday 21 September 9-10.30am

Tuesday 26 September 9-10.30am

Thursday 28 September 9-10.30am

Tuesday 10 October 9-10.30am

Thursday 12 October 9-10.30am

Open evening:

Wednesday 27 September 4.30-7.30pm

Important dates

Important dates for the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2024.

September and October 2023	→	Schools open for visits
Friday 1 September 2023	→	Applications open <i>(apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk)</i>
Tuesday 31 October 2023 <i>(we recommend you submit your online application by Tuesday 24 October 2023)</i>	→	Closing date for applications
Friday 1 March 2024	→	Application results
Friday 15 March 2024	→	Deadline for accepting your offer
June/July 2024	→	Independent appeals heard

Open days

Secondary schools are currently planning to run physical open events and tours this autumn. You may need to book a place, so it is important to check the school websites and/or contact the school directly.

Addey & Stanhope School

as.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8305 6100

Open evening:

Thursday 12 October 4.30-7pm

Open mornings:

Thursday 28 September 9-10.45am

Tuesday 3 October 9-10.45am

Thursday 6 October 9-10.45am

Bonus Pastor Catholic College

bonuspastor.co.uk • 020 8695 2100

Open evening:

Thursday 21 September 6.30pm and 7.30pm
talk and tour

Open mornings:

Monday 25 September 9.15-11.45am

Tuesday 26 September 9.15-11.45am

Wednesday 27 September 9.15-11.45am

Conisborough College

conisboroughcollege.co.uk • 020 8461 9600

Open evening:

Tuesday 26 September 6-8pm

Open mornings:

Thursday 28 September 9-10:30am

Friday 29 September 9-10.30am

Tuesday 3 October 9-10.30am

Wednesday 4 October 9-10.30am

Tuesday 10 October 9-10.30am

Wednesday 11 October 9-10.30am

Deptford Green School

deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8691 3236

Open evening:

Thursday 21 September 5-7.30pm

Open mornings:

Monday 18 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 19 September 9.15-10.30am

Monday 25 September 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 26 September 9.15-10.30am

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