

Belleville

Primary School



Secondary Transfer

Aims of this presentation:

- Clarify types of secondary schools
- Outline of application process
- Support to fill in the form
- What to do with an offer
- Independent schools process
- **2020** specific arrangements due to the Covid-19 pandemic

State Maintained

- Community Schools
Council responsible for admission policy
- Academy
Governors/Trustees responsible for admission policy
- Voluntary Aided (often faith schools)
Governors responsible admission policy
- Grammar Schools (Sutton, Kingston- not in Wandsworth)
Selective totally by academic ability

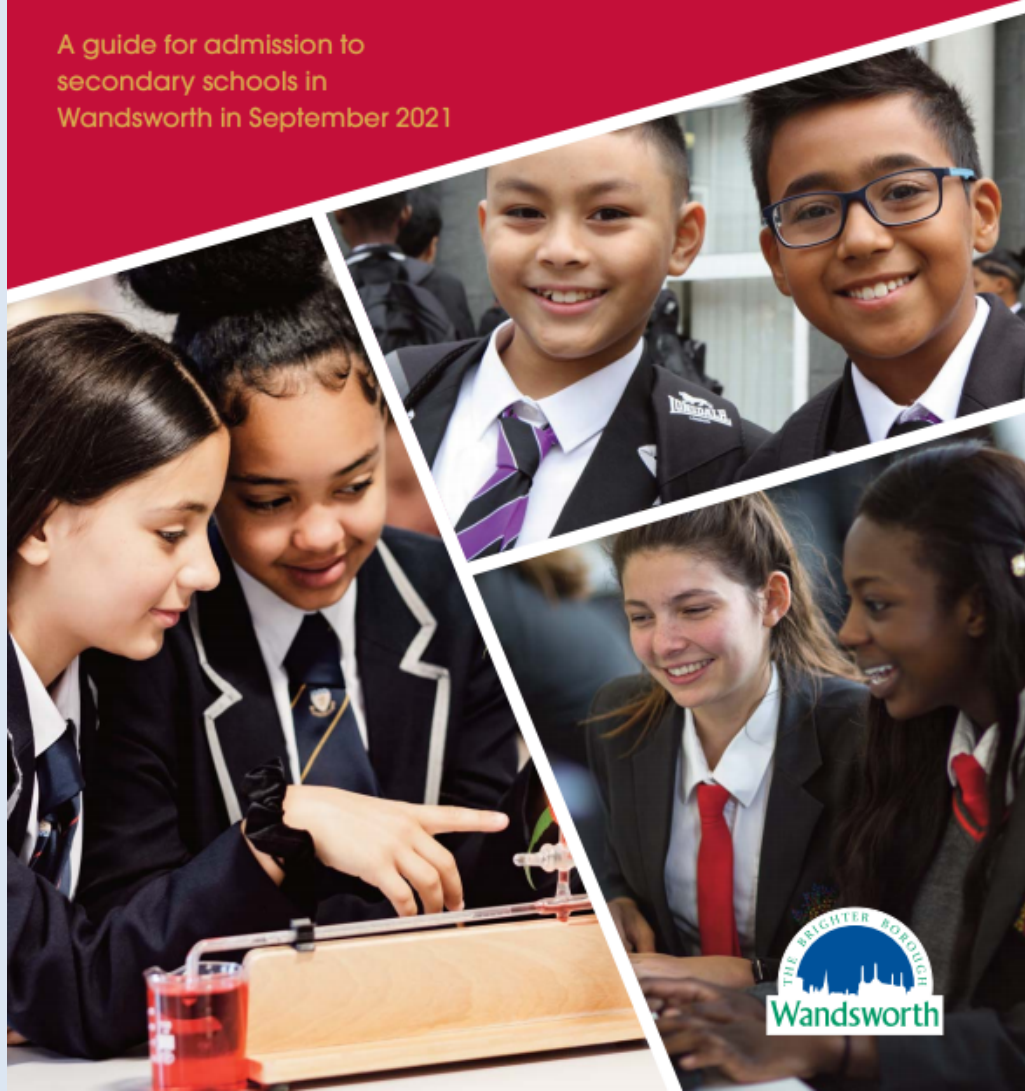
Independent

- Private
- Fee-paying
- Day and boarding
- Girls, boys and mixed
- Scholarships
- Bursary

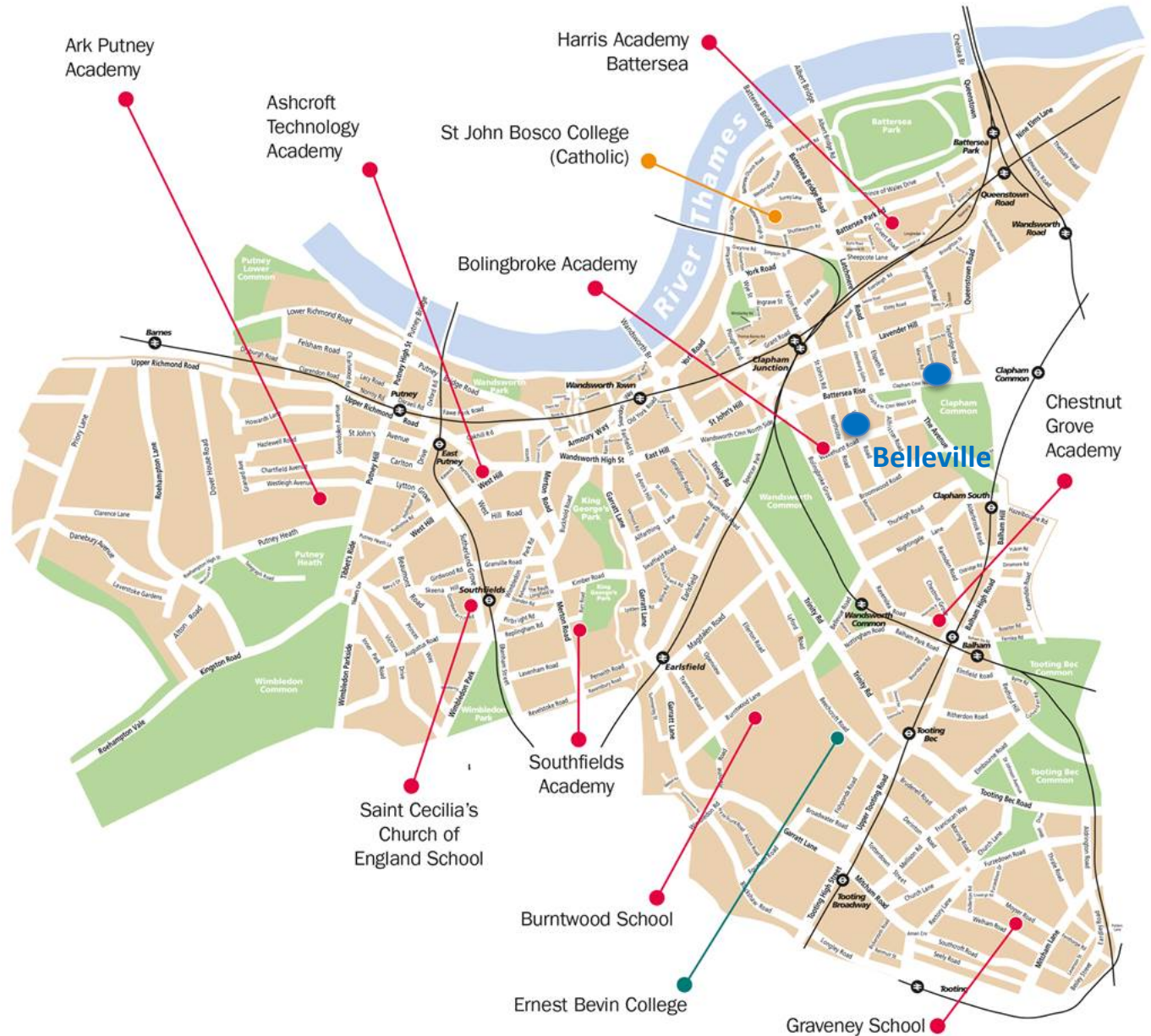
Choose a Wandsworth
**SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

APPLY BY
31 OCTOBER
2020

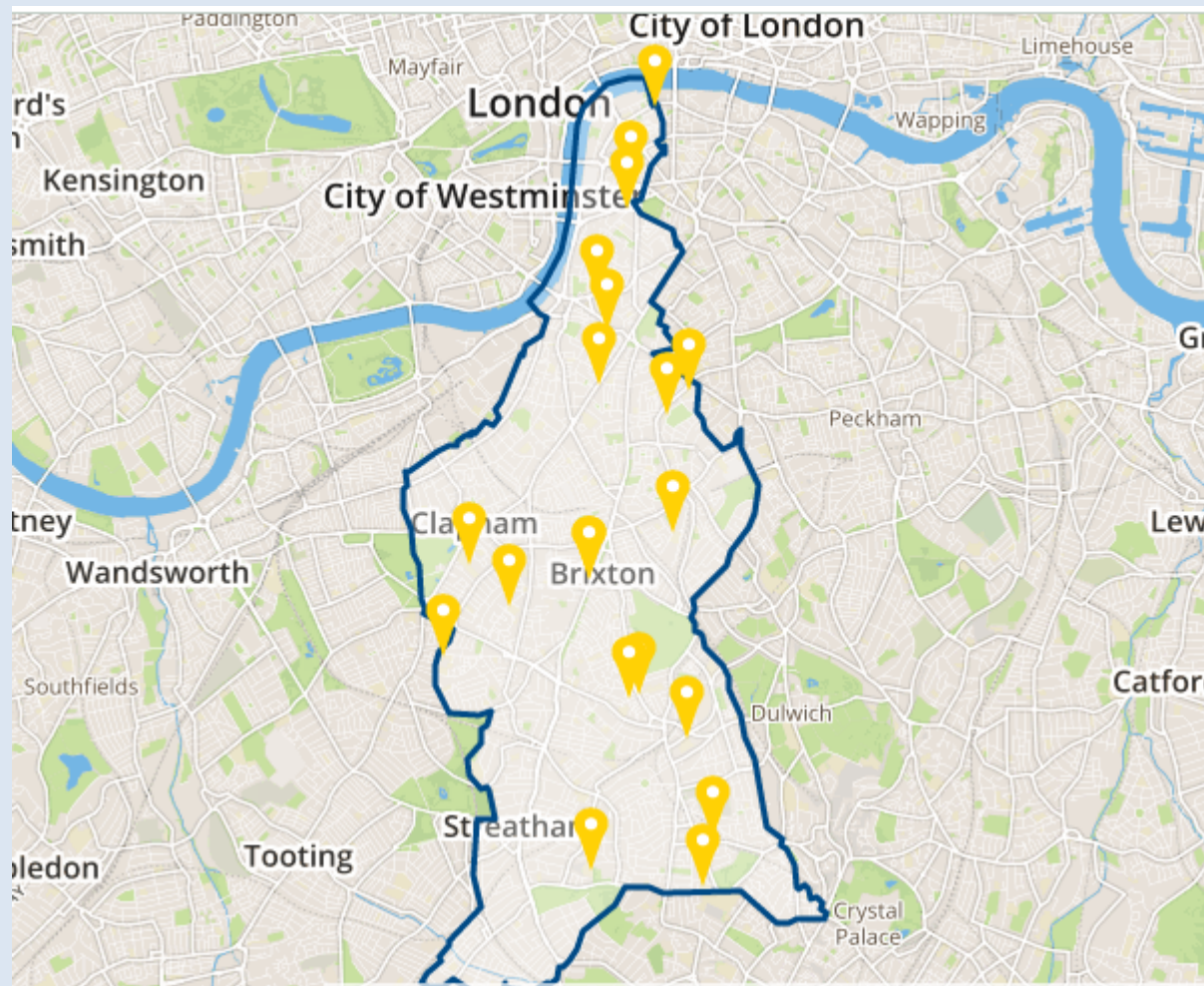
A guide for admission to
secondary schools in
Wandsworth in September 2021



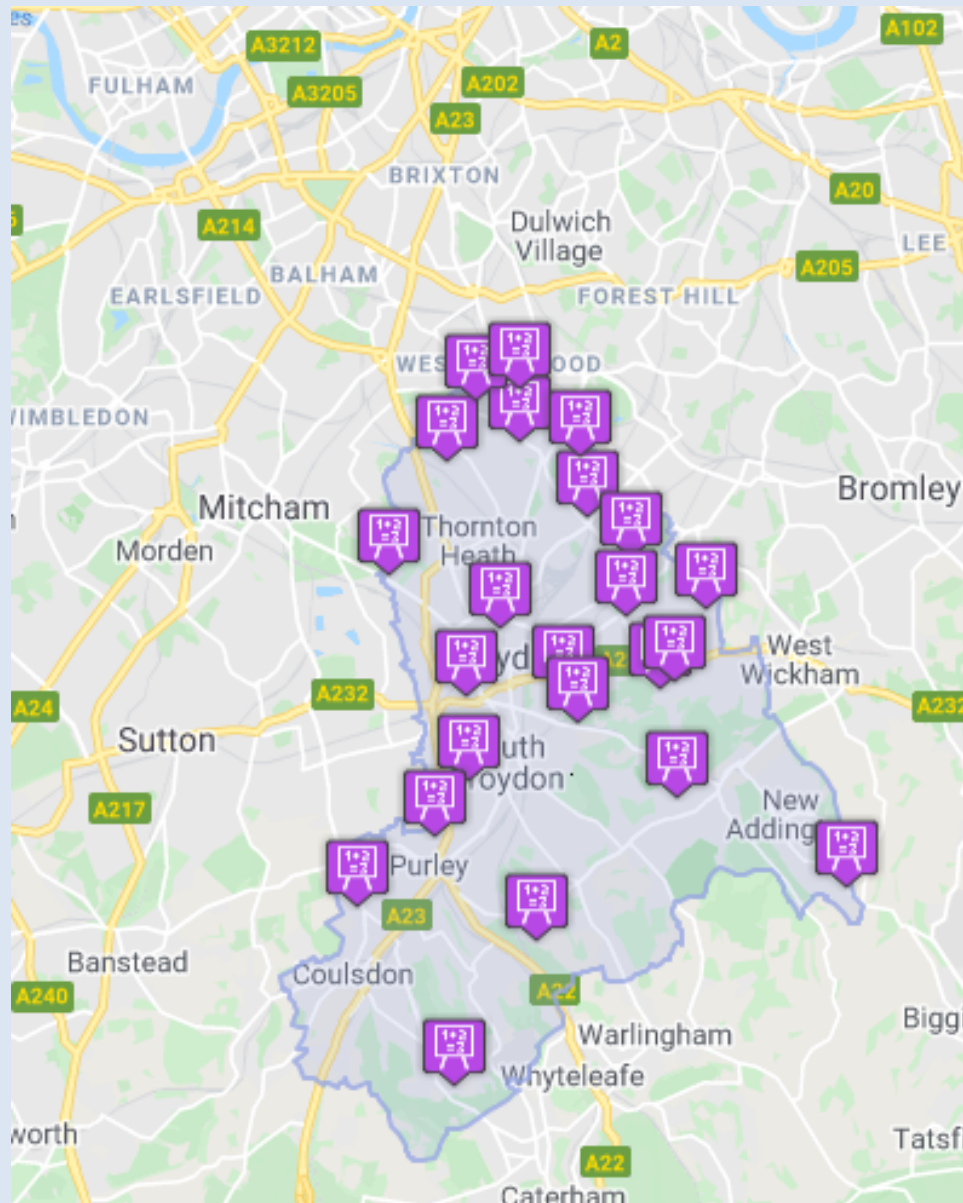
State Secondary Schools in Wandsworth



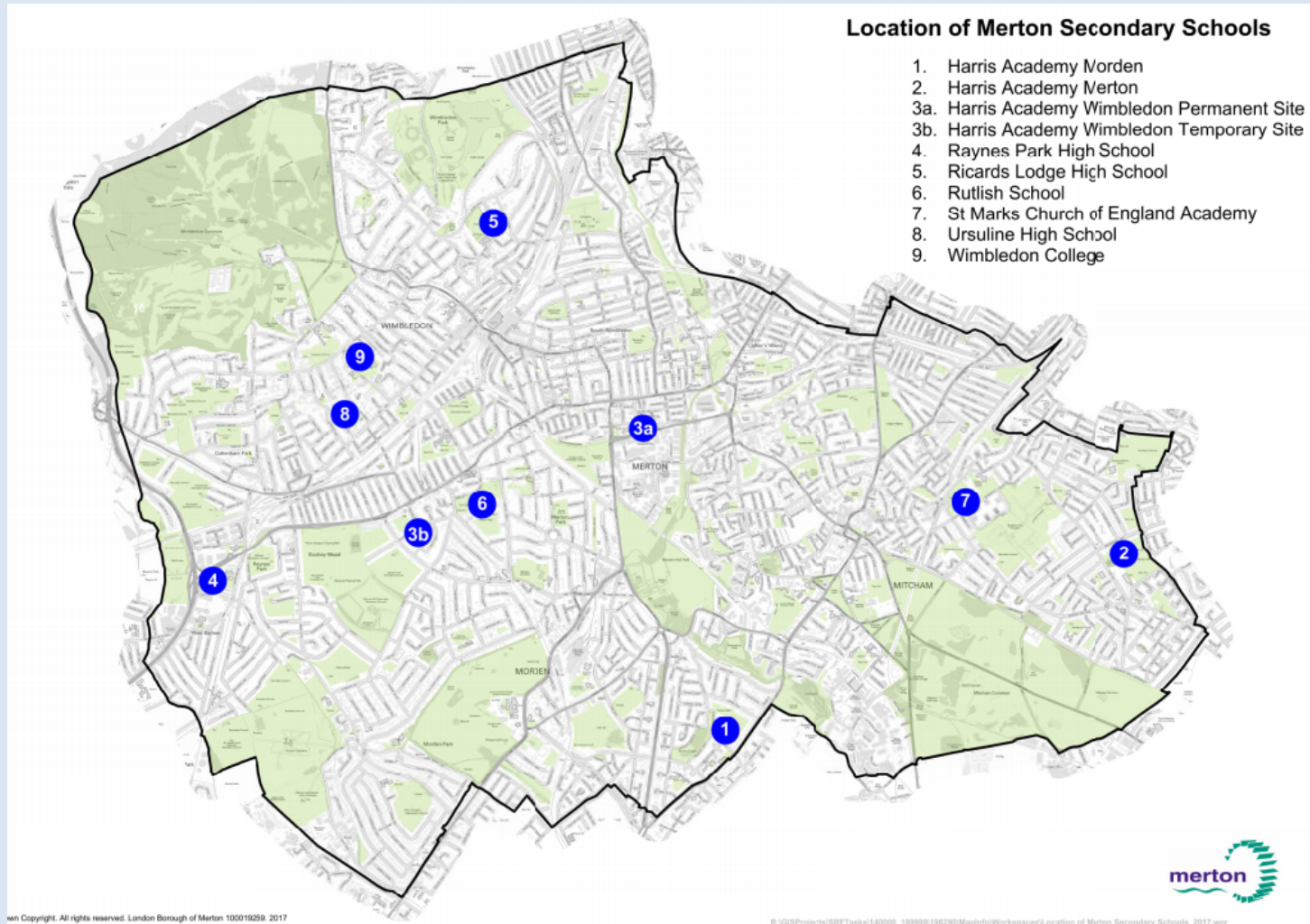
State Secondary Schools in Lambeth



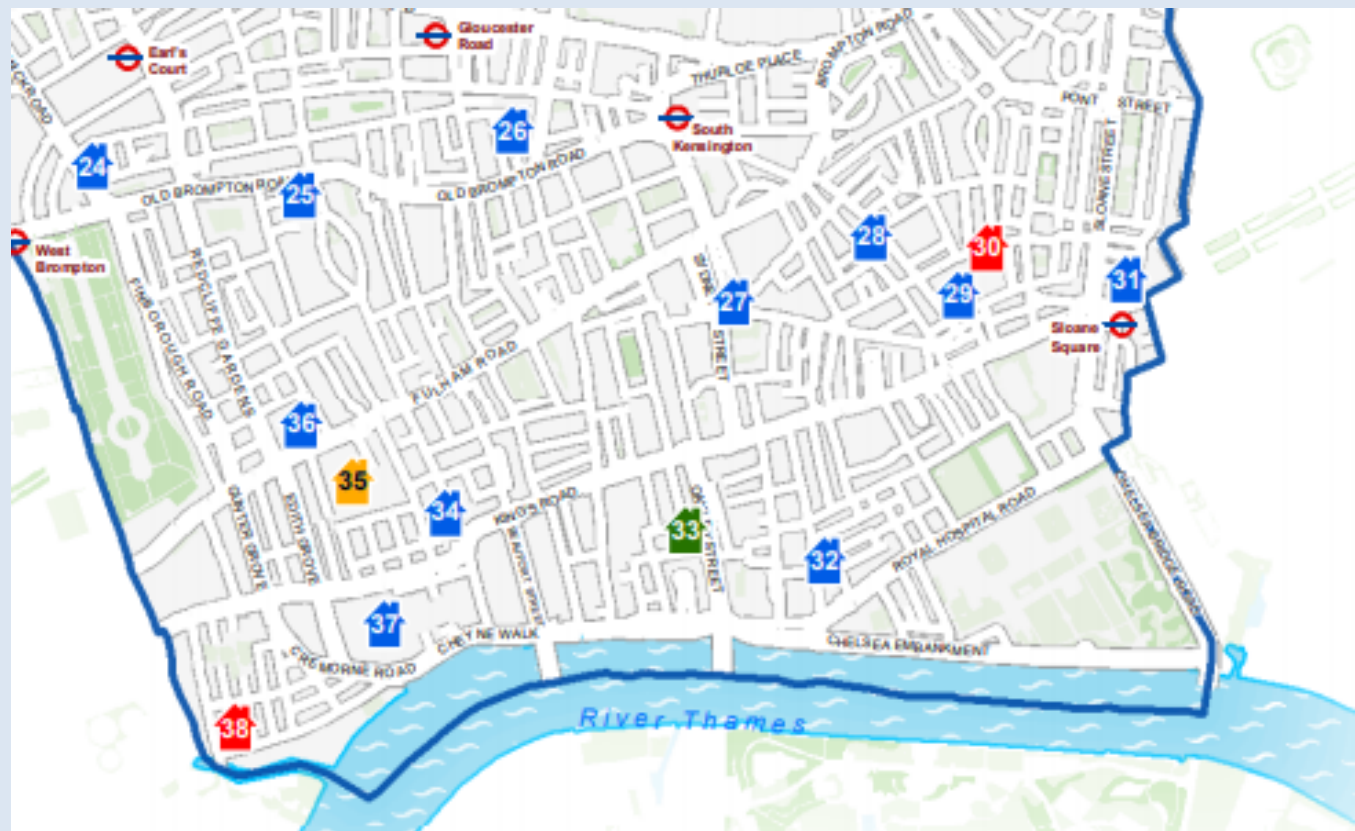
State Secondary Schools in Croydon



State Secondary Schools in Merton



**State Secondary
Schools
in Kensington
and Chelsea
(Red)**



Types of places

- **Non-selective**

Looked after children, SEND: EHCP, siblings, distance

Ark Putney, Bolingbroke, Chestnut Grove, Harris Battersea, St Cecilia's, St John Bosco, Southfields

- **Banding**

Wandsworth Test results divided into 5 equal groups and 20% of places from each group or band

Ashcroft, Chestnut Grove

- **Selective**

Some places offered based on highest Wandsworth Test score

Burntwood, Ernest Bevin, Graveney

- **Specialist**

Additional assessments in certain subjects – apply in Autumn term

Ashcroft (technology), St Cecilia's (music) and Chestnut Grove

The process

- September and October 'visit' schools
- From September - Specialist places application and assessments
- **Submit one form by 31st October for any London state school**
- **2020** - Thursday 3rd December – Wandsworth tests
- **2020** - Thursday 10th December – final date for your preferences
- March – school offers
- Appeal process and waiting list movement

Collecting information

- 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School'
- Websites
- Contact schools for prospectus
- Admission criteria (applicants vs places)
- Curriculum aims/ethos
- Activities offered
- Ofsted/performance tables
- Distance/travel costs
- Talk to your child (every child is different)
- 'Visit' as many schools as you can

Belleville Pupil Destinations

State Schools in Wandsworth

Wandsworth Secondary School	Number of Belleville Pupils			
	2017 <i>(111 pupils)</i>	2018 <i>(110 pupils)</i>	2019 <i>(106 pupils)</i>	2020 <i>(114 pupils)</i>
ARK Putney Academy	1	3		
Ashcroft Technology Academy	4	4	4	2
Bolingbroke Academy	42	39	53	42
Burntwood School	5	4	2	2
Chestnut Grove	2	2		1
Ernest Bevin College				1
Graveney School*	9	6	4	9
Harris Academy, Battersea		6	4	1
St John Bosco		1	1	1
Saint Cecilia's C of E School	1		2	2
Southfields Community College		1		1

We also have children who transfer to SEND special schools – Garratt Park and Paddock.

***Types of Places at Graveney School**

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Places Accepted	9	7	4	9
Selective (high test score) places offered	12	12	7	10
Selective (high test score) places taken	8	4	2	9
Special Educational Needs or Looked After Children	1	1	1	
Sibling		2	2	
Distance				

State Schools in other London Boroughs

Secondary School	Number of Belleville Pupils			
	2017 <i>(111 pupils)</i>	2018 <i>(110 pupils)</i>	2019 <i>(106 pupils)</i>	2020 <i>(114 pupils)</i>
Carshalton High School for Boys	1			
Chelsea Academy			1	1
Coombe Boys			1	
Harris Academy, Purley	1			
Harris Academy, Wimbledon		1		
Hurlingham and Chelsea				1
Kingsdale School	2		3	3
Lady Margaret School		1		
Lambeth Academy	1	1		1
Langley School for Girls		1		
Royal Alexandra and Albert School				1
The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial RC School			2	
The Grey Coat Hospital School				1
Ursuline High School		1	1	
Wimbledon College		1		

Prior to 2017, we have also had children transfer to:

- Camden School for Girls
- Carshalton High School for Girls
- Dunraven
- Fulham College Boys School
- Hollyfield School
- Jewish Community Secondary
- La Retraite
- Norbury Manor College
- Nonsuch High School
- Norwood Girls
- Pimlico Academy
- Ricards Lodge
- Richmond Park Academy
- St Andrews CE High School Croydon
- St Martin in the Fields High School
- St Thomas More Catholic School Purley
- Sutton Grammar School for Boys
- The London Nautical School
- Tiffin Grammar School
- Wallington County Grammar
- Westminster City School
- Wilsons Grammar School

State Application Process

- Complete one form/online application from home borough
- Apply for up to 6 schools in any borough
- Rank the schools in order of preference
- Applications are passed between boroughs automatically
- Supplementary Information Forms are submitted directly to schools

Permanent address

- Child's permanent address on 31st October must be used
- Where parents share custody, one address given and need to prove residency at this address
- If you change address after 11th December 2020, your new address will not be used for admissions (e.g. calculating distances etc).
- Councils do check addresses, places can be withdrawn if based on false or misleading information

Application Process

If the number of applications are greater than places available:

Schools follow admission criteria

- Special need (EHCP) and children in care
- Siblings (on roll in September 2021)
- Exceptional medical/social need
- Children of staff
- Distance to school (straight line measure)
- Religious commitments
- Feeder primary schools (Bolingbroke only)

Selective places

- *Burntwood (girls) (78 selective, 235 non-selective)*
- *Graveney (mixed) (70 selective, 210 non-selective)*
- *Ernest Bevin (boys) (60 selective, 120 non-selective)*

- Places reserved for children who receive highest scores on Wandsworth Tests
- Children only **need** to get a very high score in the Wandsworth Tests **if** they are going for one of these **selective places** and would not get in otherwise

Specialist Places – Supplementary Information Form

- Ashcroft Technology Academy – 24 places for technology specialism
- Chestnut Grove – 30 places for Art and Design and 30 places for Modern Foreign Languages
- St Cecilia's – 15 places for music
 - 8 Foundation (practising members of Christian church)
 - 7 Open (any or no religious background)

Faith schools

If you are considering applying for a school place on faith grounds, it is important you complete the school's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**

- **St Cecilia's C of E (Foundation Place)**
St John Bosco College – Roman Catholic
- **Faith schools in other boroughs - Check with borough or school if a SIF is required**
- **Return SIF direct to school**

Bolingbroke Academy

1. Children who have the academy named on their EHCP
2. Looked after children including those who were adopted from public care/residence or special guardianship order
3. Children of founders
4. Children of staff
5. Siblings
6. Children from one of the five feeder schools:
 - **Belleville Primary School** (*862m in March 2020, 1672m in Aug 2020*)
 - **Falconbrook Primary School**
 - **Highview Primary School**
 - **Honeywell Junior School**
 - **Wix Primary School** (this does not include the **Ecole de Wix**)

- **Places are allocated to each school in proportion to the total number of applications made by the school**

Questions to consider

- What are the admission criteria?
- How many places are available?
- How many applications were there last year?
- How many were admitted under each criterion?
- Up to what distance from the school were places offered last year?
- Information for last year within 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' and previous years available online

Myths

- If you only put one school on the form, the council have to give you that school
False – parental preference, if that school cannot offer a place, the nearest school that has places will be offered to you
- If you put your form in earlier than 31st October, you are more likely to get your choice of school
False – not processed until after 31st October, no advantage
- If you put a state school as your 1st choice, you are more likely to get that school or they give these children places first
False – this would have to be part of the published admissions criteria, not used any more
- Children who apply to independent schools before Year 6 have a better chance of being offered a place
False – our analysis shows that for Belleville children the proportion of applicants who are offered places for 8+ or 10+ is the same as for 11+. The difference is there is a greater choice of independent schools that offer 11+ and you would also have a state school offer.

Online application

- Secure and confidential
- Save your form and log back in later to finish or make changes
- Receive email reminders to submit form and to receive result on 1st March 2021

Filling out the form

- Apply for up to 6 schools by 31st October – most parents/carers apply online
- Can download a paper form from the admissions website
- Rank them in order of preference
- Each school considers application separately – school is not aware of their position on your form and **must follow their published admissions criteria**
- Schools inform borough if a place can be allocated for your child
- If more than one school offers a place, borough offers you the highest school on your application
- Pupils automatically remain on the waiting list for schools above their offered school.

Filling out the form

- Include at least 4 schools
- One close in distance
- If you don't live in Wandsworth, you must apply through your home Local Authority
- If you are unsuccessful with your listed schools your borough will allocate the school closest to you that has available places
- State schools only offer one school at a time

October 31st

- Online - completed by midnight on 31st October
- Paper – it must be received by 31st October

Don't be late!

If the application is not received by your local council by 31st October, your child will not be considered for a place until after 1st March.

If there are no places left in your preferred schools, you will go on the waiting list and be offered the nearest school which still has places left

2020 only – option to change preferences up to 10th December

- If, following receipt of your child's test score(s) from schools in or outside of Wandsworth, you wish to amend your school preferences, you can do so by emailing the Pupil Services Team at admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk listing your child's details and new order of preference.
- **Changes will be accepted up to 10 December 2020 at the latest.** Applicants living outside of Wandsworth should contact their home borough.

Wandsworth Tests

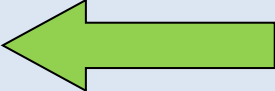

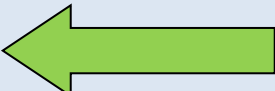
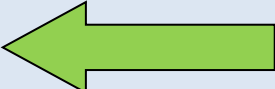
- Used for Non-Selective Banding (to give places to an equal spread of results) at Ashcroft Technology Academy and Chestnut Grove Academy
- Used for Selective places (highest test scores) at Burntwood School, Ernest Bevin College and Graveney School
- Not used in any other Wandsworth secondary schools or in other boroughs
- All children in Wandsworth Schools need to complete these tests unless your child has an SEND EHCP as you will name your preference of school through the Special Need Assessment Service (SNAS)

Wandsworth Tests

- **2020** – will take place in school on Thursday 3rd December (usually in 3rd week of September)
- Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning – GL Assessment sell practice packs, multiple choice version
- Practice in school running up to the tests so they are familiar
- Children on the SEND register at SEND Support level who routinely receive extra time in school to complete normal classroom activities may be eligible for extra time
- Videos explaining some strategies are available (same as summer term of Year 5 workshops)
- **2020** - Results to you in January 2021 (usually before application deadline in October)

How offers are made

An example - applies for 6 state secondary schools:

1. Red School
2. Blue School  Later Offer
3. Green School  1st March Offer
4. Purple School 
5. Pink School
6. Orange School 

When Offers are Made

You can:

- a. **Accept** the place by returning the reply slip (if you decide to reject the place it may not be re-offered)
- b. **Find out more** about why your child was not offered a particular place and their position on the waiting list by calling pupil services
- c. Your child can stay on the **waiting list** for a higher preference but may not be offered this place. Places on the waiting list are held until September 2021.
- d. Decide to **appeal** – the deadline for this will be included in the offer letter
- e. Make a late application to schools not on your original list or lower placed than your offer

Independent schools

- Can apply for as many independent schools as you wish – think about what your child can manage
- All applications are treated individually by the school
- Can have a number of independent school offers at the same time as the one state school offer
- School arrangements and procedures vary from school to school
- Apply directly to each school – check websites for dates/phone to request prospectus
- Scholarships available for particular subjects and / or general ability – check what will be required of your child, what happens to the place if things change
- Bursaries available for families within a certain income bracket
- More subjective process - tests, interviews (even parents), references, auditions, assessment days are used to decide places
- **2020** – check the arrangements, many schools adapting their process due to Covid-19

Independent Schools

September – November:
Open Days

September – December:
Closing dates for applications

December and January:
Tests and interviews

February and March:
Outcomes of applications



**CHOOSE AN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL**

Information for Wandsworth parents and
pupils preparing for transfer to secondary
school in September 2021



Secondary School	2017 (111 pupils)			2018 (110 pupils)			2019 (106 pupils)				2020 (114 pupils)			
	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Number of applications	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships	Number of applications	Offers made	Places taken	Scholarships
<u>Alleyn's School</u>	7	6	3	6	6	3	17	7*	5	3*	27	11*	9	2*
James Allen's Girls' School	2	1	1	5	2						7	4	2	
Streatham and Clapham High	13	5	2	15	6	1	10	8	2	5	16	14	7	3
<u>Whitgift School</u>	7	3	1	5	1	1	10	7		4	15	11	6	3
<u>Woldingham School</u>	4		1	7			1	1	1		9	8	1	1

References

- No references are required for applications to state school
- **2020** –Year 5 and Year 6 teachers will collaborate on the references to make sure they are an accurate reflection given the Covid disruptions
- If you require a reference for an independent school / scholarship please email Alexandra Turnbull (PA to Headteachers) by Friday 16th October.
alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org
- References are checked by senior leaders for accuracy and consistency before being sent directly to the school.
- All references are confidential

General References

- Attendance and punctuality
 - **2020** – will only use from September 2020 rather than also reporting last academic year
- Academic attainment and aspects of this e.g. problem solving in maths, engagement with the wider curriculum
- Learning skills – effort, resilience, ability to handle new concepts, follow instructions, concentration, independence
- Personal characteristics – working with peers, staff and conduct around school
- Participation – in extra-curricular clubs/events, other aspects of school life, outside of school as reported by yourselves
- Special circumstances – SEND, exclusions, medical, English as an additional language, anything else which may have adversely affected the child's academic or personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process

Scholarships – Art, Music, Sport

- Evaluates:
 - Areas of strength in the subject
 - Commitment to further practise
 - Relevant learning skills e.g. ability to follow coaching points and leadership in sports; ability to think creatively and generate ideas in art
- Participation in relevant clubs/school events, participation outside of school as reported by parents and carers
- Any other circumstances which may have adversely affected the child's academic or personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process

If you need further help:

- Speak to/contact:



- School website www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-school/secondary-transfer
- Contact pupil services in your borough