

# Secondary Transfer Meeting

September 2022



# Aims:

- How to find out about secondary schools
  - How to apply
- Key pieces of information and dates





# Key Dates:

- The deadline for your application is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.
- You will find out the outcome from Camden Secondary Schools on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.

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 **Camden**



- Camden has 10 secondary schools.



School name	Map ref	School type	Gender	2022 published admission number
Acland Burghley School	1	Community	Mixed	182 <sup>1</sup>
Camden School for Girls	2	Voluntary Aided	Girls	120
Hampstead School	3	Community	Mixed	210
Haverstock School	4	Community	Mixed	135
La Sainte Union Catholic	5	RC Voluntary Aided	Girls	180
Maria Fidelis School FCJ	6	RC Voluntary Aided	Mixed	150
Parliament Hill School	7	Community	Girls	180
Regent High School	8	Community	Mixed	180
UCL Academy	9	Academy	Mixed	192 <sup>2</sup>
William Ellis School	10	Voluntary Aided	Boys	130

# Applying outside Camden

You can apply for secondary schools in any borough, not just Camden. You can include a mixture of schools from different boroughs in your 6 preference slots.

Schools from other boroughs that our children have gone to in the past include:

- ▶ **Brent** - Queens Park Community, Capital City Academy.
- ▶ **Westminster** - St. Augustine, St George, Harris Academy
- ▶ **Barnet** - Whitefield



# Key information:

- Camden has 10 secondary schools.
- Contact the schools for their prospectuses or look at their websites, and visit them on their open days and evenings.
- During the open days/evenings, you will be able to meet the Headteacher, speak to members of staff and students and get a feel for the school's working environment and ethos.
- Visit [www.gov.uk/dfe](https://www.gov.uk/dfe) (click 'school performance tables' link).
- Go to [ofsted.gov.uk](https://ofsted.gov.uk) for the latest Ofsted reports
- Visit [parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to see how other parents rate the school.
- The deadline for application is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.
- Apply online. If you are unable to, please contact [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk)

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# Where our pupils went last year:

## Camden schools

Hampstead (24)

UCL academy (5)

Maria Fidelis (3)

Parliament Hill (2)

La Sainte Union Catholic (2)

William Ellis (1)

**37 total**

## Other London schools

Harris Academy (4)

Queens Park Community (2)

Copthall (1)

Jewish Community Secondary  
School (1)

Marylebone Boys (1)

Michaela Community School (1)

Mill Hill County High (1)

St Mary's and St John's (1)

St Augustine's NW6 (1)

London Nautical School (1)

Totteridge Academy (1)

Twyford School W3 (1)

Woodlane High W12 (1)

**17 total**



# Open days/evenings

- ▶ It is essential to visit as many secondary schools as you can to help with choosing the right one.
- ▶ If you would like your child to attend a secondary open day during school time, let the office know and this can be noted on the school register.



**OPEN EVENING**  
**2022** **Tuesday Sept 27,**  
**5:30 - 8:00pm**



Prospective parents and their children are invited to our Open Evening on Tuesday 27th September, to view the School between 5.30 - 8pm, with a 7.30pm last admission.

The new Headteacher, Mr. Hunt will give a talk at 7pm in The Acorn Theatre. Refreshments will be available.





# Open days/evenings:

## Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8515  
[www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk](http://www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Wednesday 21 September from 5.30pm  
**Open mornings:** 19, 20, 21, 22 September from 9am  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 24 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))

## Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT  
020 7794 8133  
[www.hampsteadschool.org.uk](http://www.hampsteadschool.org.uk)



**Open evening:** Tuesday 11 October, 5pm  
**Open mornings:** 20, 27 September; 4, 11, 18 October  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 10 November, 5pm

## The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080  
[www.uclacademy.co.uk](http://www.uclacademy.co.uk)



**Open evening:** Tuesday 13 September and 11 October, 5 to 7pm  
**Open mornings:** 16, 21 September and 5 October, 9 to 10.30am.  
Please call to book appointments.  
**Sixth Form:** Tuesday 1 and 15 November, 5 to 7pm

## Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL  
020 7485 7077  
[www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk](http://www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 29 September, 5 to 7.30pm  
**Open mornings:** 4, 5, 6 October, 9 to 10.30am  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 24 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))

## La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NW5 11RP 020 7428 4600  
[www.lasainteunion.org.uk](http://www.lasainteunion.org.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 22 September, 4 to 7pm  
**Open days:** By appointment 3-7 October. Advance booking will be required. Please check the school website for further information and booking form.  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 24 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



# Open days/evenings:

## Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414  
[www.csg.school](http://www.csg.school)



**Open evening:** Monday 19 September, 5pm

**Open mornings:** 14 and 16 September 2022, 9am

**Sixth Form:** Tuesday 22 November 2022. Tickets will be available from 1 October 2022. Please check website nearer the time

**Banding assessment registration:** register online by Tuesday, 20 September, 12 noon

## Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ  
020 7267 0975  
[www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk](http://www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk)



Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of Sixth Form events

**Open mornings with tour of classrooms:** Drop in on any Thursday, 9 to 10am from 15 September to 20 October

## Maria Fidelis School FJC

1-39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY  
020 7387 3856  
[www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 6 October, 4 to 6pm

**Open mornings:** Starting from 13 September every Tuesday from 9.30am to 10.30am

**Sixth Form:** Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of Sixth Form events

## Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126  
[www.regenthighschool.org.uk](http://www.regenthighschool.org.uk)



**Open mornings:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 October at 9am

**Sixth Form:** Thursday 17 November, 4 to 6pm

## William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NWS 1RN 020 7267 9346  
[www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 29 September, 6 to 8pm

**Open mornings:** 4, 5, 11 October, 9 to 10.30am

**Sixth Form:** Thursday 24 November, 5.30 to 8pm at William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



# How does the pan-London admissions system work?

- ▶ Managed centrally - organises admissions for all schools
- ▶ Uses each school's own admissions criteria to select children who will be offered places
- ▶ If a child does not get a place at one of their higher-preference schools, the system automatically places them on the waiting list at that school
- ▶ If a child does not get a place at any of their preferred schools, **Camden admissions will attempt to offer the nearest Camden school that has a vacancy.** Bear in mind this means it will not be your choice of school



# Admissions Criteria:

*“Most families when applying for an oversubscribed Camden community secondary school will be considered under the distance criteria if there are no special factors or siblings at those schools”*

- Other factors that are part of some schools' admissions criteria include:
  - Children in foster care/looked after or previously looked after
  - Music aptitude (e.g. Haverstock, Camden School for Girls)
  - Sibling in Y7 to 10, or Y12
  - Exceptional medical or social need
  - Parent is a teacher at the school
  - For Catholic schools - baptism status



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# Camden community schools criteria

- 1 • Education, Health and Care Plan
- 2 • Looked-after child
- 3 • Sibling
- 4 • Medical or social need
- 5 • Parent who is a teacher
- 6 • Distance

# Example 1

1<sup>st</sup> preference

• UCL Academy



Filled by children at closer addresses - onto waiting list

2<sup>nd</sup> preference

• Harris Academy St John's Wood (Westminster)



Filled by children at closer addresses - onto waiting list

3<sup>rd</sup> preference

• Queen's Park Community (Brent)



Filled by children at closer addresses - onto waiting list

4<sup>th</sup> preference

• Hampstead



Within distance - place offered

5<sup>th</sup> preference

• St George's Catholic School (Westminster)



No place, not on waiting list

6<sup>th</sup> preference

• St Augustine's CofE School (Westminster)



No place, not on waiting list

# Example 2

1<sup>st</sup> preference

• Maria Fidelis



Filled by children at closer addresses - onto waiting list

2<sup>nd</sup> preference

• None entered



No place offered - referred to Camden admissions to seek place at closest Camden school

3<sup>rd</sup> preference

• None entered

4<sup>th</sup> preference

• None entered

5<sup>th</sup> preference

• None entered

6<sup>th</sup> preference

• None entered

To avoid this scenario, it is important to put down a school where you know you are likely to be offered a place under their admissions criteria.



# How oversubscribed were the Camden schools in recent years?

School	No. places in 2022	Number of applications		Looked after children		SEN allocations		Siblings		Social/medical	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Acland Burghley School	178	712	720	2	1	16	16	45	54	0	4
Camden School for Girls	120	624	636	3	3	2	4	24	27	1	0
Hampstead School	210	515	547	0	4	0	0	71	74	0	2
Haverstock School	135	324	341	0	0	2	2	40	41	0	0
La Sainte Union	180	240	261	0	1	0	1	*	*	*	*
Maria Fidelis	150	331	378	0	0	6	4	*	*	*	*
Parliament Hill	180	683	656	4	2	2	6	39	32	2	1
Regent High	180	367	328	1	0	10	14	58	63	2	0
UCL Academy	192	875	885	2	3	3	3	42	53	1	0
William Ellis	130	451	474	0	1	2	6	25	27	3	3

\* Please contact the school directly for this information

# How close were the places offered last year? (in miles)

School	2022 (distances)	2021 (distances)
Acland Burghley School	0.7	0.64
Camden School for Girls Band A:	0.81	1.32
Band B:	0.8	0.81
Band C:	0.54	0.42
Band D:	0.36	0.30
Hampstead School	2.63	1.48
Haverstock School	n/a	n/a
La Sainte Union Catholic School	n/a	n/a
Maria Fidelis School FCJ	n/a	1.31
Parliament Hill School	1.02	1.11
Regent High School	2.73	1.92
UCL Academy	1.43	1.06
William Ellis School	1.22	1.07



# Finding your nearest school:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

For Camden schools:

<https://schoolsearch.camden.gov.uk/schools/schoolsearch.aspx>



# Finding your nearest school using Direct Gov website or school search

Find a school or college

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☐ Name or reference number

☒ Location

Enter a town, city or postcode in England

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3 miles

Search

☐ Local authority

☐ Parliamentary constituency



## Schools and colleges in and near "1 Dornfell Street, South & West Hampstead, London, NW6 1QL, London"

### Filters

[Clear all filters](#)

#### Education phase

- ☐ All
- ☐ Primary
- ☒ Secondary
- ☐ 16 to 18

#### Within a radius of

3 miles

#### Ofsted rating

- ☐ Outstanding
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Requires improvement
- ☐ Inadequate

#### School type

- ☒ Academy
- ☒ Maintained school
- ☐ Independent school
- ☐ Special school

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#### [Hampstead School](#)

Westbere Road, London, NW2 3RT  
Secondary and 16 to 18  
Ofsted rating: [2](#) Good (Inspected: 20 October 2021)  
Distance: 0.45 miles

Create My schools list

#### [Queens Park Community School](#)

Aylestone Avenue, London, NW6 7BQ  
Secondary and 16 to 18  
Ofsted rating: [2](#) Good (Inspected: 04 December 2019)  
Distance: 1.06 miles

Create My schools list

#### [St Augustine's Federated Schools: CE High School](#)

Oxford Road, London, NW6 5SN  
Secondary and 16 to 18  
Ofsted rating: [1](#) Outstanding (Inspected: 19 September 2013)  
Distance: 1.2 miles

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## Primary to secondary school transfer



### Moving on to secondary school

The high quality teaching and supportive environment at Camden's secondary schools aims to help every student reach their potential. Whether your child's aim is a place at a top university, an excellent apprenticeship or landing a great job, Camden secondary schools are high achieving and ambitious for all students.

#### Read our latest guide to secondary schools in Camden

- [Secondary Schools in Camden admissions guide – applying for a Year 7 place for September 2023](#)

Your child will be due to start secondary school in September 2023 if they were born between 1 September 2012. The next round of Year 7 applications for 2023 entry begins from 1 September 2022. You need to apply by **31 October 2022**.

- Please note that the Music Aptitude Test for William Ellis School is now a day earlier than stated in the last year's **October**, not 14 October
- If you are in Year 6 and are applying to Camden School for Girls, you will need to [register for the school](#), which closes at midday on **Tuesday, 20 September**.

[Apply online for a Year 7 place from September 2022](#)

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### Important information

From the 1st September 2022 you can apply for a school place for September 2023. You can apply for a place in:

- A Primary school (Reception)
- A Junior school (Year 3)
- A Secondary school (Year 7)
- A University Technical College (Year 10)

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Online  
application

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

# Information needed for the online application

- ▶ Parental responsibility
- ▶ Proof of your child's DOB (e.g. birth certificate, NHS medical card)
- ▶ Proof of address (e.g. utility bill from last 3 months, Council Tax statement)
- ▶ Multiple addresses - if a child lives at two different addresses, the application must be based on the address at which the child spends the majority of the school week
- ▶ Camden will not accept a temporary address that is used solely or mainly to obtain a school place

# Information needed for the online application

- ▶ Exceptional medical or social reason - letter from suitable qualified professional e.g. doctor, social worker
- ▶ Voluntary aided schools - supplementary forms may be required (see p12 of Camden brochure)
- ▶ Children with an EHCP - should apply through the Camden SEN team rather than the ordinary secondary transfer process



# Myth busting

**Myth – Listing one school on your form will mean that the council will have to offer that school.**

If we apply the admissions arrangements and your child cannot be offered a place because you live too far away, we will not be able to offer a place at the school. Listing only one school on your application does not increase your chances of gaining a place at that school.

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**Myth – If you live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year you will be guaranteed a place.**

Although the information on page 52 can give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'furthest distance' will change every year. We can never guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.

**Myth – Children living on my road go to the school so my child will too.**

The number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year so just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.

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**Myth – If I work close to the school, the distance is from my work to the school.**

The proximity of your workplace has no bearing on your application – we will measure your distance from your home to the school.

# Myth busting

**Myth – If I have a sibling enrolled at a faith school I will get higher priority.**

This may not always be the case, as some faith schools rank regular worship at a particular church above siblings. Please check the admissions criteria for your selected faith school.

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**Myth – My child's Key Stage 2 test results will affect their chance of securing a school place.**

The Key Stage 2 test results do not form part of the admissions criteria for any of Camden's community, voluntary aided schools, or UCL Academy, so your child's results will not be considered.

**Myth – The oversubscription criteria never changes.**

Each year the council consults on the admissions criteria for the community schools and the oversubscription criteria can vary from year to year.

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**Myth – I can only apply for Camden schools.**

You can apply for both Camden and out of borough schools by listing them on your application. If applying for a voluntary aided school, you should check with the school to see if they require a supplementary form to be completed as well.

# Myth busting

**Myth – If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.**

A council cannot give preference to its own residents and published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. Camden cannot and does not discriminate between applicants who live in the borough and those who do not. However, check the admissions criteria with the appropriate authority if applying to a school in another borough.

**Myth – It does not matter if my application is late.**

If you apply after **Monday 31 October 2022** your application will not be considered until after all those who have applied on time and it is very unlikely that you will be offered one of your preferred schools.

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**Myth – My school place cannot be withdrawn once it has been offered to me.**

Once the council has made an offer of a school place, it can only be lawfully withdrawn in very limited circumstances. This may happen where an application is found to be fraudulent or a parent has not responded to an offer within the specified timescale.

# Offer day

- ▶ Results out 5pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- ▶ Website traffic is very busy that day which can cause crashes
- ▶ You can login to find out the allocation for your child, but you will also be sent an email (this can take some time)
- ▶ App - Parent Comms can be used to find out information if the website crashes
- ▶ It is important to accept the place offered even if it is not a school that you wanted; if not **your child will not remain on any waiting lists for the schools that you do prefer**
- ▶ London has a very mobile population so places can become available; you can contact Camden (or other authority) admissions to find out about your place on any waiting lists



# Useful websites:

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



# Key messages to takeaway

- ▶ Know the deadline and don't miss it (31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)
- ▶ If you need help with logging in to apply, ask at the school office
- ▶ Find out as much as you can about the schools - visits are best
- ▶ Be realistic about which schools to apply for
- ▶ Use all 6 of your preference slots, and put schools in genuine order of preference