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Transferring to Secondary
School in 2027 event
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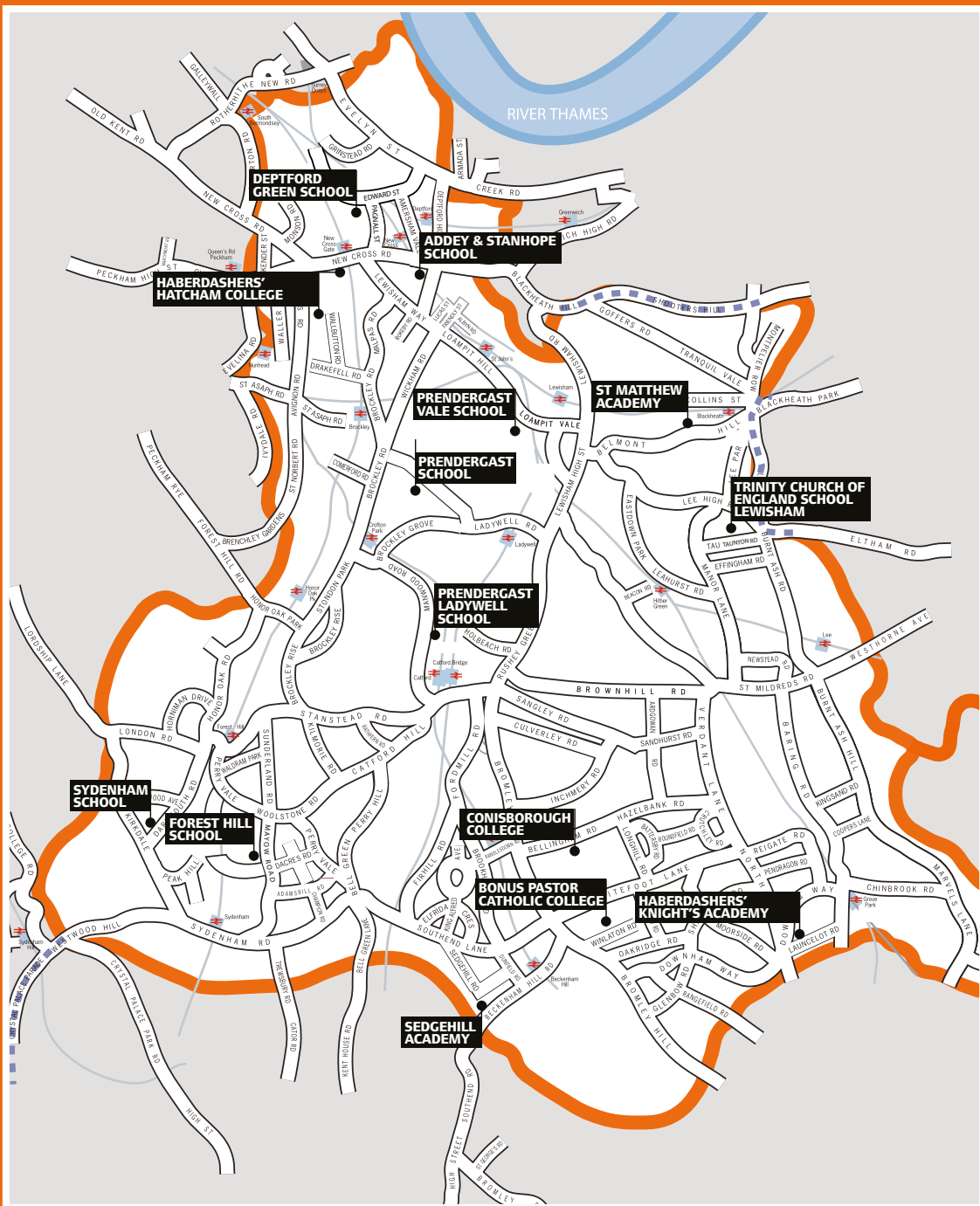


Bright futures

Applying to start secondary school this autumn

closing date for applications **Saturday 31 October 2026**

Mainstream secondary schools in Lewisham



Introduction

Hi there, I'm Cllr Rotimi Skyers, your new Cabinet Member for Children, SEND, Youth Empowerment and Culture.

Lewisham is in my blood and I see you all as family so please know, this is a subject close to my heart. Every child and young person in the borough deserves the chance to learn, grow and thrive.

I know Lewisham's secondary schools are ambitious for every child. The improvements we've seen in recent years reflect the dedication of our teachers and support staff, doing their best to support that leap from primary to secondary.

But education is about more than grades. It's about helping young people become confident, resilient and ready for the future. Our schools offer strong pastoral care and opportunities beyond the classroom to help students discover their interests and build skills.

We are also committed to making sure every child feels included and supported, especially children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We know families haven't always found it easy to get the right support. Demand is rising and needs are more complex, with too many families facing long waits or having to travel far from home. We are listening and taking action.

We've recently opened a new specialist SEND unit at Deptford Park Primary School, with up to 40 places for children who need more intensive support. This means more children can learn closer to home, alongside a mainstream school, with the right support in place. And this is just the start, we want to expand this approach into our secondary schools too.

We are also increasing support in mainstream schools and improving how education, health and care services work together. Our plan is to create a more joined-up system where children get help earlier, families have more local choice, and support is easier to access.

New 'Experts at Hand' teams will bring specialists directly into schools, helping children sooner and reducing the need for formal assessments.

We know there is more to do and we won't pretend otherwise. But by working with families, schools and partners, we are building a system that better supports every child.

This prospectus highlights the excellent range of secondary schools in Lewisham. I hope it helps you feel informed and confident as you take the next step in your child's education.

Cllr Rotimi Skyers
Cabinet Member for Children, SEND,
Youth Employment and Culture



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 – Saturday 31 October 2026

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 Monday 1 March 2027

If you made an 'on time' online application, you will get an email on the evening of Monday 1 March 2027, 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 or by email on the evening of Monday 1 March 2027.

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



Special educational needs and disabilities provision and special schools

In Lewisham, we are determined to support all children to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Most children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are educated and supported in mainstream schools. Each of our mainstream secondary schools has a special educational needs policy and SEN Information Report published on their website for parents or carers to review and to find out more about the SEN provision of the individual school. These policies and information reports, which apply to all schools, including academies and federation schools as well as community schools, explain the school's approach to SEN and SEND. Reading them is a good place to start when you're planning your school visits and when you are considering options for your young person's transfer to a secondary school.

It's a good idea to talk to other parents of children with SEN, or SEND, or with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) 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 those needs.

If your child has an EHCP, the process of applying for a secondary school is different. The statutory SEN Service will ask you to express your preferences and a formal process of consultations will commence with your preferences. However the admissions authority might also add local preferences to the mix. Your child's primary school and senior SEN case officer can advise further on this via your child's annual review process.

Our four local special schools for children of secondary school age are: Greenvale, New Woodlands, Drumbeat, Brent Knoll. We also have an Alternative Provision called Abbey Manor College.

Some of our secondary schools have SEN Resource Bases within the mainstream setting. These Resource Bases have set admissions criteria, catering for certain special educational needs. The consultations for these places for learners with EHCPs will be undertaken by the statutory SEN Service as advised above.

For more information about the specialist provision at each of these schools and the application process, visit the website or speak to your child's current school and the SEN Team.
lewisham.gov.uk/specialist-schools



2026 admissions and appeals rates for Lewisham community schools and own admission authority (AA) schools

The following table indicates how places were allocated on 2 March 2026 under each admissions criterion.

	Published admissions number	Total number of applications	Children looked after	Sports or music places (AA schools)	Year 6 children on roll (AA schools)	Exceptional medical or social reasons	Sibling on roll	Distance of last place offered under home-to-school distance (metres)	Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan	Number of appeals heard in the summer of 2026	Successful appeals in the summer of 2026
Addley & Stanhope	120	265	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	10,849.90 ★	9		
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	180	686	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	55	●	13		
Conisborough College	180	264	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	5,873.11 ★	11		
Deptford Green School	180	550	1	n/a	0	1	40	3,129.53	12	1	0
Forest Hill School	180	528	1	n/a	0	0	23	1,726.82	12	3	0
Haberdashers' Hatcham College	208	774	n/a	23	n/a	n/a	62	1,157.60	6		
Haberdashers' Knights Academy	208	285	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	53	7,837.84 ★	1		
Prendergast School	120	555	1	12	n/a	n/a	19	1214.83	5		
Prendergast Ladywell School	180	717	3	n/a	57	n/a	37	1158.4	10		
Prendergast Vale School	120	291	n/a	n/a	27	n/a	14	14,055.37 ★	2		
St Matthew Academy	180	622	1	n/a	27	n/a	42	1,450.92	5		
Sedgehill Academy	180	635	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	1,962.55	4		
Sydenham School	240	681	1	n/a	0	0	52	2,142.15	5	2	0
Trinity Church of England School Lewisham	120	382	1	n/a	52	n/a	20	1,683.20	5		

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

For 2026 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 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 a place at a school where there is a vacancy and tell the parent 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 secondarieschooladmissions@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 among 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 2026 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

📍 472 New Cross Road, SE14 6TJ
☎ 020 8305 6100



Addey and Stanhope is a school at the heart of the Deptford community and a school I am proud and privileged to lead. We are a small, caring, high-achieving and 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. Our work to promote their personal development has rightly been judged as outstanding; our pupils feel happy, safe and supported – surrounded by exceptional staff; 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 ambitious careers and pathways programme is exceptional and nationally recognised as such. We have very strong links with a number of post-16 providers, including independent schools such as Colfe's, St. Dunstan's and Christ's Hospital where students have the opportunity to secure fully-funded scholarships. Students leaving us at the end of Year 11 move on to a wide range of successful and sustained destinations that reflect their future aspirations. We continue to achieve local and national recognition in a range of areas including citizenship; work with vulnerable students, our relational approach and pastoral care, and 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 values of kindness, integrity, love, acceptance, and respect. Our students are Addeyans for life: 'Once an Addeyan, always an Addeyan'.

David Murrells, Interim Headteacher



Bonus Pastor Catholic Academy

📍 Winlaton Road, Bromley BR1 5PZ
☎️ 020 8695 2100



At Bonus Pastor, we pride ourselves on a warm and caring ethos that sits at the very heart of everything we do. Underpinned by our strong Catholic values, our school is a community where every child is known, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Central to life at Bonus Pastor is our vibrant House system, which helps create a sense of belonging for every student. Whether it is through academic effort in the classroom or during our many extra-curricular challenges, our Houses encourage students to support one another and grow together.

We continue to have outstanding results, reflecting the dedication of our students and staff alike. This commitment to excellence was recognised by Ofsted (October 2023) and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate (January 2024), both of whom judged the school as 'Outstanding in all areas.'

As a certified Google Reference School, we equip every student with their own device to ensure they are prepared for the modern world. However, we never lose sight of the individual. Our exceptional teachers take the time to tailor learning to meet each student's unique needs.

Our success is built on a rich, balanced curriculum and exceptional pastoral care. We don't just focus on grades; we focus on the person. Our thriving alumni network – ranging from Oxbridge graduates to Lewisham Young Mayors – is a testament to how our students leave us as confident, skilled and ambitious young adults.

With outstanding attendance and a 100% success rate for students progressing to post-16 education or training, we look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes the Bonus Pastor family so special.

Conor Mahon, Principal



Conisborough College

📍 Conisborough Crescent, Catford SE6 2SE
☎ 020 8461 9600



Conisborough College is a calm, inclusive environment with high standards, strong values and a clear focus on helping every child succeed – academically and personally.

We recognise the importance of choosing a school you can trust with your child's education. From day one, each student that joins Conisborough College will benefit from a highly ambitious curriculum, dedicated pastoral support and the encouragement of staff who want the very best from them as individuals.

More than that, they will receive an education with character that gives them opportunities to nurture confidence, creativity, resilience and leadership. An education that inspires, challenges and excites them and sets them up for a happy and fulfilling future.

Part of United Learning, the country's most well-established multi-academy trust, we are fortunate to work closely with academies from across our large network of state and independent schools to continue taking our school from strength to strength. We are proud of everything we have been putting in place to offer the best education for our students – from a new uniform, to an ever-richer set of extracurricular experiences, matching the interests and talents of our young people.

With so many positive changes happening at the school, this is a fantastic time to visit us and see first-hand how our school is thriving.

Ms L Oragano, Principal



Deptford Green School

Edward Street, London SE14 6AN
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Step into Deptford Green and you'll instantly feel the vibrant pulse of a school where imagination takes flight. More than just a place of learning, we're a community where creativity ignites every corner of the curriculum and the arts aren't just taught – they're lived. From the moment you enter, you'll be struck by the powerful connections between students and staff, a testament to our inclusive and diverse spirit.

Our GREAT values (Growth, Respect, Equality, Accountability, Togetherness) are the bedrock of everything we do, creating a safe and nurturing environment where students thrive.

Academic excellence is paramount and our dynamic, inspiring lessons spark curiosity and deep thinking, challenging every student to reach their full potential. We're not just preparing students for the future; we're empowering them to shape it. We equip them with the resilience, confidence, and expressive power to push boundaries and make a real difference in the world.

At Deptford Green, we champion the arts, empowering our students to discover their voices and express themselves through a rich tapestry of artistic opportunities. Whether it's on stage, in the studio, or through our numerous student leadership platforms, we encourage every student to explore their passions and make their mark.



We celebrate effort and participation, nurturing wellbeing through outstanding pastoral care, including dedicated pastoral leaders for each year group and on-site Place2Be counsellors. Our seamless transition programme ensures Year 7 students feel supported and welcomed into our closeknit community from day one.

Deptford Green is more than a school – it's a launchpad for the next generation of innovators, academics, artists, and leaders.

Emma Thurston, Headteacher



Forest Hill School

 Dacres Road, Forest Hill SE23 2XN
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Forest Hill School is a thriving and aspirational school providing high-quality education to boys aged 11-16 in a happy and safe environment. We also have a highly successful joint sixth form provision with Sydenham School for male and female students.

School is an important part of a child's life so it is vital that they enjoy being here and feel like it is a worthwhile place to be. Our teaching staff, who are passionate about their subjects and experts in educating and inspiring boys, are dedicated to creating a school that is just that.

We believe that students achieve their full potential if they enjoy their work and find it stimulating and challenging. We offer a curriculum of great breadth that includes Dance, Drama, Art, DT and Music alongside the traditional academic subjects, and we incorporate digital learning throughout the school to encourage students to embrace technology and help bridge the digital divide.

We were delighted that our 2025 GCSE results were our best ever for the fourth consecutive year; almost a third of all grades were in the highest bracket, which is significantly above the national average.



We place equal value on enrichment activities and opportunities outside the classroom, taking students on curriculum-related day trips as well as residential trips in the UK and abroad, and offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Students are taught skills that they need to thrive in their future lives, including leadership, creativity, and resilience.

I encourage you to come and see for yourselves what makes Forest Hill School such a special place.

Michael Sullivan, Headteacher



Haberdashers' Hatcham College

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Haberdashers' Hatcham College is a highly ambitious 11 to 18 secondary academy within the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South. Hatcham College has been educating the young people of London since 1876 and has a strong tradition of educational excellence and providing exceptional opportunities.

At Hatcham College, students have unparalleled opportunities and, as a result, they develop not only the academic excellence but the character, values and experience that will enable our young people to 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. Pupils are taught in mixed and single gender classes; the best of both worlds.

Students can apply for scholarships in music, mathematics, sport and art. Key Stage 3 students enjoy an elective subject each term which provides opportunities such as BMXing, DJing, various ancient and modern language, sport and academic options. There are after-school academic, sporting and creative options that enable all our young people to explore new and existing interests and make new friends.

Results in 2025 were well above the national average. We are proud of our young people who work hard with and are ably supported by staff for an education that develops not only qualifications but character, meaning 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.

"This is a highly ambitious school... pupils can achieve excellent outcomes, whatever their starting point" (Ofsted, November 2024)

Katie Scott, Executive Principal



Haberdashers' Knights Academy

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Choosing a secondary school is a big decision. It is the place where your child will spend the next five, and perhaps seven, years. They will make friends, find new interests, be challenged, get things wrong, learn to put things right, and start to work out the kind of person they want to become. Moving from primary to secondary school is exciting, but it can also be nerve-wracking. Our job is to make sure that your child is welcomed properly, settled quickly, and helped to feel that they belong.

As the new Principal, my commitment to families is simple: we will be ambitious for your child, we will work with you, and we will keep making the school better.

Knights is a local school with a long Haberdashers' history behind it. That history gives us roots, but what matters most is the daily experience of the children who come here: good lessons, clear routines, staff who care, and a school where pupils are expected to work hard and treat others well.

We want pupils at Knights to do well academically, but we also want more than that. We want them to grow into thoughtful, confident young people. Through the Haberdashers' Advantage, pupils benefit from opportunities beyond the classroom, including enrichment, leadership, careers, community projects and links across the wider Haberdashers' family.

Our ASPIRE values help us describe the habits we want pupils to build: Accountability, Self-Discipline, Partnership, Integrity, Respect and Excellence. In plain terms, that means taking responsibility, showing respect, doing the right thing, working with others and aiming high.

I look forward to welcoming you to Knights and showing you our fantastic school.

James Hadley, Principal



Prendergast School

Adelaide Avenue, Brockley SE4 1LE
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At Prendergast School, staff have been providing exceptional opportunities and education to every student for more than 130 years. We are delighted to have been awarded the highest possible OFSTED judgement in March 2025 – ‘Outstanding’ in all five categories.

We are an all-girls secondary school, with post-16 provision for both male and female students. There is a kind and caring ethos, and students and staff are proud to be part of our school. We are strong in science and technology, celebrate and promote creativity, with a superb focus on music for all our young people.

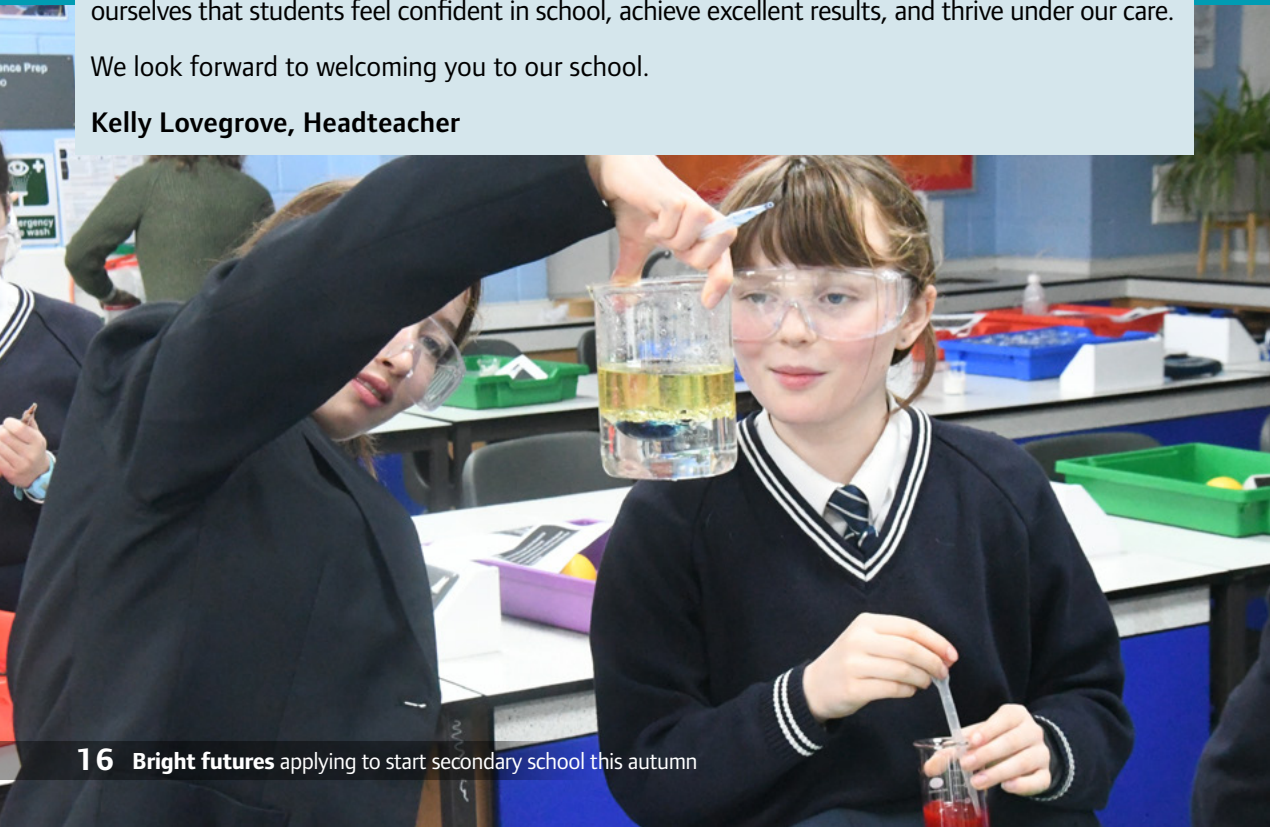
The school is set in the beautiful location of Hilly Fields, with a split site that contains a new build (including our Science facilities) and a restored main building in the park. We have a wide curriculum, including creative subjects such as Music, Design & Technology, Textiles, and Art.

We offer many extracurricular opportunities and an extensive range of educational trips. You can see a variety of activities on our X account (@PrendergastSch1) and on BlueSky (@prendergastschool.bsky.social), as well as in our prospectus and newsletters on our website.

Most importantly, your child’s safety and happiness are key. We focus on wellbeing, and pride ourselves that students feel confident in school, achieve excellent results, and thrive under our care.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Kelly Lovegrove, Headteacher



Prendergast Ladywell School

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Prendergast Ladywell School is a co-educational, 4 to 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 creative 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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Welcome to Prendergast Vale, a vibrant all-through school (Nursery–Year 11) nestled in the heart of Lewisham. We're part of the Leathersellers' Federation of Schools, but our greatest strength lies in our exceptional educators, who are dedicated to fostering a truly inclusive and nurturing community.

At Prendergast Vale, academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with a nurturing touch. We believe happy, confident children blossom, so we offer individualised attention and personalised support within our small, supportive environment. We're more than a school; we're building a family where each student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Our teachers are dedicated to igniting a love of learning and guiding each student towards success. We celebrate diversity and cater to all learning styles, ensuring every child thrives in a supportive environment. In our small school setting, students build lasting friendships and feel known and cared for. We go beyond textbooks, offering a stimulating and engaging curriculum that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and critical thinking and this equips students with the skills and confidence to become responsible, independent, and successful members of society.

Prendergast Vale offers a unique opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and flourish in a supportive and enriching environment.

Edmund Coogan, Headteacher



St Matthew Academy

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At St Matthew Academy, we provide more than just an education, we build a strong foundation for life. As a vibrant, all-through community serving pupils aged 4–16, we nurture the unique talents of every child who walks through our doors, supporting them to thrive.

We are proud of our recent accolades which reflect the hard work of our staff and pupils, including being rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in March 2025. Alongside our strong Catholic ethos, rated 'Good' in our Section 48 inspection, we are part of the St Benedict's Catholic Academy Trust. Through strong partnerships and a wide extra-curricular offer, we provide a rich, well-rounded experience.

While academic rigour is the heartbeat of our academy, our mission is to develop the whole child. Our curriculum is challenging and supported by a strong careers programme. Pupils benefit from a wide range of cultural and co-curricular opportunities, helping them prepare for a changing world. We promote our values of Integrity, Courage and Service to help shape confident and compassionate young people and foster an inclusive community that welcomes families of all faiths and none.



Starting a new school is a significant milestone. Our induction programme and pastoral care ensure every pupil feels they belong from day one. In our hallways, you will find exemplary behaviour, positive relationships and close collaboration with parents to support every child's progress. I am filled with immense pride to lead this exceptional culture.

I warmly invite you to visit and experience what makes St Matthew Academy so special.

James Potter, Headteacher



Sedgehill Academy

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At Sedgehill Academy, we strive to give our students every opportunity to become the best version of themselves: to belong, grow and thrive. Serving students in Year 7 all the way through to Sixth Form, everything we do is geared towards securing excellent progress for every child.

We take pride in the shared values imprinted within our school's DNA: Hard work, Kindness, Integrity and Excellence. This is combined with engaging teaching and rich opportunities beyond the classroom to unlock achievement and help our young people excel. Students know staff want the very best from them at Sedgehill Academy and will encourage them to achieve more than they may have thought possible.

We see it as a marker of our success that students feel able to embrace their sense of confidence, creativity, determination and ambition. They are excellent ambassadors for our school and play an enormous role in our warm and welcoming environment.



Our approach to academic rigour goes hand in hand with offering an education with character. With fantastic music, sports and drama facilities, inside and out, we give our students memorable experiences – from the courts for our talented Basketball Academy, to our recording studio and Musician In Residence.

From day one of Year 7, we help our students see the world is full of opportunities beyond Sedgehill Academy. Each year, our Sixth Formers' destinations range from progress to top UK universities to competitive training, employment and apprenticeship placements. Every child who joins us receives the same tailored support and guidance to open up a future of possibilities.

Clare Cassidy, Headteacher



Sydenham School

 Dartmouth Road, Sydenham SE26 4RD
 020 8699 6731



Since 1917, Sydenham School has stood as a premier choice for girls' education. Our diverse and inclusive community extends to our thriving co-educational sixth form, SFH6. What truly sets us apart is our exceptional breadth of curriculum offer – we pride ourselves on providing comprehensive educational pathways across STEM, Performing and Visual Arts, Humanities, and Languages that consistently produce student outcomes and destinations exceeding national averages.

“Aim High” isn't just our motto – it's our promise to every student. Through our core values of ambition, determination, and respect, we make academic excellence accessible to all. Our distinctively broad and inclusive curriculum develops successful, open-minded young people with a strong sense of community, combining high-quality teaching across an unusually wide range of subjects.

Education at Sydenham extends far beyond classroom walls, with student wellbeing remaining central to our approach, supported by robust pastoral care systems for all students. Students flourish through our comprehensive enrichment programme, which includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award, numerous extracurricular clubs, and educational journeys that unlock potential and create meaningful experiences.

Our £24 million building investment has delivered cutting-edge STEM facilities, complemented by our equally strong commitment to Performing and Visual Arts, Humanities, and Languages. This breadth of provision – our defining characteristic – ensures every student can explore their passions and talents across the full spectrum of subjects, fostering confidence, creativity, and global awareness in every student.

Emma Wijnberg, Headteacher



Trinity Church of England School

Taunton Road, Lee SE12 8PD
020 8852 3191



Academic excellence sits at the heart of Trinity. Our recent Ofsted inspection, carried out under the new and more demanding framework, affirmed this wholeheartedly. We were proud to be one of the first schools nationally to put ourselves forward for this tougher evaluation – and even prouder to have achieved a Strong Standard in every category. Pupils of all ages develop strong subject knowledge through a curriculum that is deliberately ambitious, rich in vocabulary and carefully sequenced so that learning is remembered and applied. Teachers explain complex ideas clearly, check understanding rigorously and ensure that all pupils make substantial progress. This academic rigour leads to exceptional outcomes across all phases.

Trinity is equally defined by its inclusive ethos and outstanding pastoral care. Ofsted noted that “pupils are well known at this school and their needs are understood” and that “pastoral care is expertly coordinated so pupils thrive.”

Our pupils are confident, articulate and deeply engaged in their learning. They benefit from a rich character curriculum and a culture where diversity is celebrated, captured by Ofsted’s observation that “there is a palpable celebration of diversity.” Our pupils behave impeccably, attend well and take pride in their achievements.

Trinity is a school where academic excellence, strong values and a powerful sense of community come together. It is a place where every child is challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their very best. I warmly invite you to join our Trinity family.

David Lucas, Executive Headteacher



Open days (continued from back page)

Forest Hill School

foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 9343

Open mornings

Thursday 24 September 9–10.30am

Friday 25 September 9–10.30am

Thursday 1 October 9–10.30am

Friday 2 October 9–10.30am

Open evening:

Monday 21 September 6–8pm

Haberdashers' Hatcham College

habshatcham.org.uk • 020 7652 9510

Open evenings:

Thursday 1 October 4–8pm

Haberdashers' Knights Academy

habsknights.org.uk • 020 8461 9240

Prendergast School

prendergast-school.com • 020 8690 3710

Open mornings:

Monday 7 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 8 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 10 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 17 September 9.15–10.30am

Open evenings:

Tuesday 15 September 5–6pm Music Open Event

Tuesday 15 September 6–7.30pm (preceded by Music Event)

Prendergast Ladywell School

prendergast-ladywell.com • 020 8690 1114

Open mornings:

Tuesday 22 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 24 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 29 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 1 October 9.15–10.30am

Open evenings:

Thursday 17 September 6–8pm

Thursday 24 September 6–7pm (virtual)

Prendergast Vale School

prendergast-vale.com • 020 8297 3540

Open mornings:

Monday 14 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 16 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 18 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 21 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 23 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 25 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 28 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 30 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 2 October 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 7 October 9.15–10.30am

Friday 9 October 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 14 October 9.15–10.30am

Friday 16 October 9.15–10.30am

Open evening:

Thursday 1 October 6–8pm

St Matthew Academy

stmatthewacademy.co.uk • 020 8853 6250

Open mornings:

Tuesday 6 October 9.30–10.30am

Thursday 8 October 9.30–10.30am

Tuesday 13 October 9.30–10.30am

Thursday 15 October 9.30–10.30am

Open evening:

Wednesday 30 September 4.30–6.30pm

Sedgehill Academy

sedgehillacademy.org.uk • 020 8698 8911

Open evening:

Thursday 24 September 5–8pm

Open mornings:

Tours are available every Tuesday and Friday morning during term time at 9am.

Sydenham School

sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 6731

Open mornings:

Thursday 10 September 9–10.30am

Tuesday 15 September 9–10.30am

Wednesday 16th September 9–10.30am

Wednesday 23rd September 9–10.30am

Open evening:

Thursday 24 September 5–7pm

Trinity Church of England School Lewisham

trinitylewisham.org.uk • 020 8852 3191

Open mornings starting at 9.15am:

Tuesday 8 September

Thursday 10 September

Tuesday 15 September

Thursday 17 September

Tuesday 22 September

Thursday 24 September

Saturday 19 September 9.30–11am

Important dates

Important dates for the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2027.

apply online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk

September and October 2026	→	Schools open for visits
Tuesday 1 September 2026	→	Applications open <i>(apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk)</i>
Monday 14 September 2026	→	Secondary transfer event <i>Civic Suite, Catford Rd SE6 9SE</i>
Saturday 31 October 2026 <i>(we recommend you submit your online application by Friday 23 October 2026)</i>	→	Closing date for applications
Monday 1 March 2027	→	Application results
Monday 15 March 2027	→	Deadline for accepting your offer
May/June/July 2027	→	Independent appeals heard <i>(apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk)</i>

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 mornings:

Tuesday 15 September 9–10.30am

Tuesday 22 September 9–10.30am

Tuesday 29 September 9–10.30am

Open evening:

Wednesday 23 September 6–8pm

Bonus Pastor Catholic College

bonuspastor.co.uk • 020 8695 2100

Open mornings:

Monday 21 September 9am–12:00 noon

Wednesday 23 September 9am–12:00 noon

Thursday 24 September 9am–12:00 noon

Open evening:

Thursday 17 September 5:30–8:30pm

Conisborough College

conisboroughcollege.co.uk • 020 8461 9600

Open mornings:

Every Friday throughout the year during term-time 9–10am

Open evening:

Tuesday 22 September 5–7.30pm

Book online at conisboroughcollege.co.uk

Deptford Green School

deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk •
020 8691 3236

Open mornings:

Monday 21 September 9–10.45 am

Tuesday 22 September 9–10.45am

Monday 28 September 9–10.45am

Tuesday 6 October 9–10.45am

Open evening:

Wednesday 30 September 5–7.30pm

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