

March 2025

OUTCOME

- **Monday 3rd March 2025** is offers day, the day you find out which school your child has been offered. If you've applied online, you can log into your account from 5pm to find out the result of your application and/or you will receive an email that evening. If you've applied on a paper form, a letter will be posted to you on this day.
- If you are happy with the offer, accept the place by the deadline stated, as otherwise you risk losing the place. If you are not happy with the offer, your child's name can be added to the waiting lists of those schools you put as a higher preference.
- Even if you do not want your child to go to the school that you have been offered, it is advisable to accept the place your child has been offered and then wait to see if a place becomes available at a higher preference school. Waiting lists move and change in the months after offers day.
- If your child hasn't been offered your first preference but you believe he/she should have been, you can also appeal the decision. For more information contact Wandsworth Education Appeals Service by email at educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk or by telephone on 020 8871 7554.



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Your Guide to Applying to a
Wandsworth Secondary School
2024/25





Dear Parent/Carer,

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is never easy, especially if this is your first time. Even the application process can seem daunting.

This short guide has been designed to make this task easier. It provides you with all the key dates, useful links and friendly advice. We do hope you find it useful.

If you would like help completing your child's application, Southfields Academy will be hosting workshops to assist with this task. For more details, please contact Sean French at sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com

We wish you and your child all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your lives.

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PREPARE

- To apply online, you will need to create an account, visit www.eadmissions.org.uk
- If your child has an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan), or one in progress, contact pupil services on 020 8871 7316 or admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk before making an application.

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RESEARCH

- Download the 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' brochure for information about each school in the borough, entry requirements and details about the previous year's student admissions e.g. maximum distance admitted from. This is uploaded to the Council's website in September.
- If possible, you should visit any schools that you are considering. Open days are held in the summer and autumn terms. You can find the dates on school websites or on the Wandsworth Council website.
- Your child's primary school may hold a meeting about the application process and transfer to secondary school.
- Some schools require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) e.g. for church or specialist places and may hold a specialist aptitude test. Some SIFs must be submitted by an earlier deadline in September. More details on www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place
- If you wish your child to take the Wandsworth Test, you must register them for this by early September 2024. Some schools require applicants to take the test but Southfields Academy does not. We carry out our own testing when students start with us. More detail about the test is available here www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-year-6-test/ or your child's primary school will have more information.

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APPLY

- The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31st October 2024**.
- Paper application forms can be found on the Wandsworth Secondary School Admissions page. If you live outside Wandsworth you should apply through your own borough.
- You can express a preference for up to six schools. To avoid disappointment, ensure that these are realistic choices.
- You can apply for schools outside of Wandsworth.
- All the state schools that you are applying for, whether in Wandsworth or not, should be listed in order of preference on your eAdmissions application or Wandsworth paper application form.
- Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place for further information on the progress of your application.