

Schools & Children's Services

Applying for a Secondary School 2026

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Striving for excellence



Types of Schools

- **Community** – the Local Authority (elected Councillors) is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils
- **Foundation** – the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils



Types of Schools

- **Voluntary Aided** - the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils
- **Academies and Free Schools**—publicly funded state schools. The Academy Council or School Governors are responsible for deciding the admission arrangements



Schools in Enfield

AIM North London (A)

Bishop Stopford's CE (VA)

Edmonton County (A)

Enfield Grammar (A)

Highlands (C)

Laurel Park School (F)

Lift Aylward

Oasis Academy Hadley (A)

St Ignatius College (VA)

Southgate (A)

Winchmore (C)

ARK John Keats (A)

Chace Community (C)

Enfield County School for Girls(C)

Heron Hall Academy (A)

Kingsmead (A)

Lea Valley Academy (A)

Oasis Academy Enfield (A)

**St Anne's Catholic High School
for Girls (VA)**

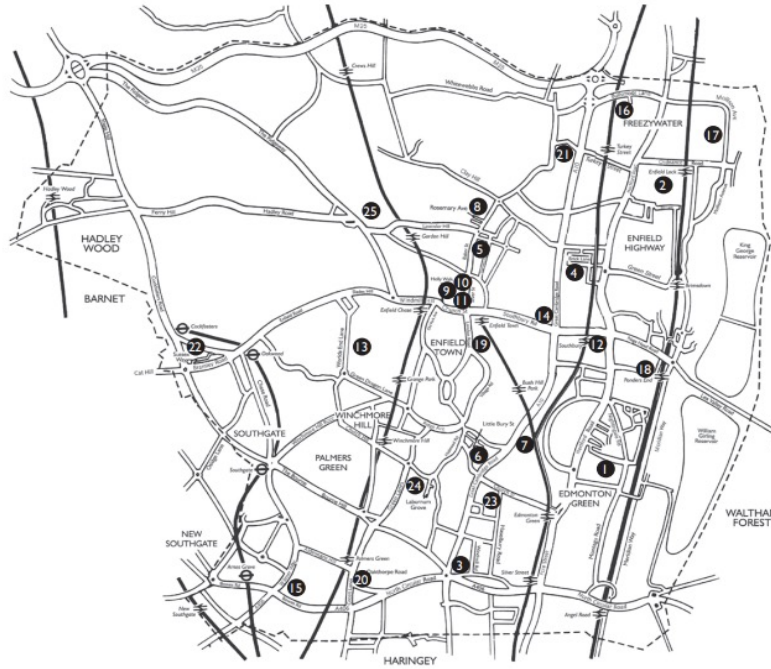
The Latymer (VA)

Wren Academy, Enfield (A)



AT A GLANCE

Borough School Map



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| 1. AIM North London | 8. Enfield County – Lower School | 17. Oasis Academy Enfield |
| 2. Ark John Keats Academy | 9. Enfield County – Upper School | 18. Oasis Academy Hadley |
| 3. Aylward Academy | 10. Enfield Grammar – Lower School | 19. St. Anne's Enfield Campus |
| 4. Bishop Stopford's School | 11. Enfield Grammar – Upper School | 20. St. Anne's Palmers Green Campus |
| 5. Chace Community School | 12. Heron Hall Academy | 21. St. Ignatius College |
| 6. Edmonton County – Bury Campus | 13. Highlands School | 22. Southgate School |
| 7. Edmonton County – Cambridge Campus | 14. Kingsmead School | 23. The Latymer School |
| | 15. Laurel Park School | 24. Winchmore School |
| | 16. Lea Valley Academy | 25. Wren Academy Enfield |

School	Headteacher/Principal	Type of School	Boys/ Girls	Supplementary form required	Date and time of open evening session/s*
AIM North London (1) Turin Road, Edmonton, N9 8DQ	Mr P McGrath	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 10 Oct, 5pm-7pm
Ark John Keats Academy (2) Bell Lane, Enfield, EN3 5PA	Ms K Marshall	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 2 Oct, 5.30pm-7pm
Aylward Academy (3) Windmill Road, Edmonton, N18 1NB	Mr D Rotimi	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 30 Sep, 4.30pm-7pm
Bishop Stopford's School (4) Brick Lane, Enfield, EN1 3PU	Mrs T Day	Voluntary Aided	Mixed	Yes	Tue 24 Sep, 6pm
Chace Community School (5) Churchbury Lane, Enfield, EN1 3HQ	Ms T Douglas	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 23 Sep, 5pm-7.30pm
Edmonton County Bury Campus (6) Little Bury Street, Edmonton, N9 9HZ	Dr S Tranter	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 26 Sep, 5pm-8pm at the Bury Campus
Edmonton County Cambridge Campus (7) Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, EN1 1HQ					
Enfield County Lower School (8) Rosemary Avenue, Enfield, EN2 0SP	Ms J Gumbrell	Community	Girls	No	Mon 7 Oct, 6.30pm at the Lower School site
Enfield County Upper School (9) Holly Walk, Enfield, EN2 6QG					
Enfield Grammar Lower School (10) Enfield Court, Baker Street, EN1 3EX	Mr C Lamb	Academy	Boys	For Sport/ Music only	Mon 7 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm at the Upper School site
Enfield Grammar Upper School (11) Market Place, Enfield, EN2 6LN					
Heron Hall Academy (12) 46 Queensway, Ponders End, EN3 4SA	Mr A Barzey	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 8 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Highlands School (13) Worlds End Lane, Winchmore Hill, N21 1QQ	Mr V McInerney	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 14 Oct, 6pm-9pm
Kingsmead School (14) Southbury Road, Enfield, EN1 1YQ	Mr D Medway	Academy	Mixed	For Art/Drama/ Music only	Thu 19 Sep, 5.30pm
Laurel Park School (15) Wilmer Way, Palmers Green, N14 7HY	Ms A Christofi	Foundation	Mixed	No	Thu 3 Oct, 4.45pm-8.30pm
Lea Valley Academy (16) Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW	Mr S J Kinson	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 26 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Oasis Academy Enfield (17) 9 Kinetic Crescent, Innova Park, Mollison Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7XH	Mrs E Robinson	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 1 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Oasis Academy Hadley (18) South Street, Ponders End, Enfield, EN3 4PX	Mrs Z Thompson	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 25 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
St Anne's Enfield Campus (19) London Road, Enfield, EN2 6EL	Mrs E Loveland	Voluntary Aided	Girls	Yes	Mon 30 Sep, 6pm-8pm at the Lower School site
St. Anne's Palmers Green Campus (20) Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 5TY					
St Ignatius College (21) Turkey Street, Enfield, EN1 4NP	Mrs M O'Keeffe	Voluntary Aided	Boys	Yes	Tue 17 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Southgate School (22) Sussex Way, Cockfosters, EN4 0BL	Mr M Lavelle	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 10 Oct, 6pm-8.15pm
The Latymer School (23) Haselbury Road, Edmonton, N9 9TN	Mrs M Cobbett	Voluntary Aided / Selective	Mixed	Yes	Check the school website for further information
Winchmore School (24) Laburnum Grove, Winchmore Hill, N21 3HS	Mr J Owen	Community	Mixed	No	Wed 25 Sep, 6pm
Wren Academy Enfield (25) 3 Chace Village Road, Enfield, EN2 8GH	Mr E Hussein	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 16 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm

*Please check school's website for further information and to check if you need to register to attend.

Some popular neighbouring schools in Barnet and Haringey

BARNET

Ashmole

Compton

East Barnet

Finchley Catholic Boys*

Friern Barnet

Henrietta Barnett*

Mill Hill

QE Girls

QE Boys*

St Andrew the Apostle

St Michaels Girls*

Wren

* Selective

HARINGEY

Alexandra Park

Fortismere

Greig City

Heartlands

Highgate Wood

Hornsey School for Girls

Woodside

... and more

You must apply for all schools
(except independent) on the same
admissions application

Open Evenings

ENFIELD	HARINGEY	BARNET
AIM North London: 5pm, 9.10.25	APS,: 5:15pm, 25.9.25	Ashmole Academy: 6:15pm, 9.10.25
ARK John Keats: 5:30pm, 1.10.25	Duke's Aldridge Academy 4:30pm 6.10.25	Compton: 5pm,, 25.9.25
Aylward: 4pm, 29.9.25	Fortismere: 4pm, 8.10.25	Copthall: 5pm, 17.9.25
Edmonton County: 5pm, 25.9.25	Gladesmore Community, 5pm 24.09.25	East Barnet: 5:30pm, 29.9.25
Enfield County: 5:30pm, 6.10.25	Greig City: 4:30pm, 29.09.25	Finchley Catholic: 5pm, 30.9.25
Enfield Grammar: 5:30pm, 6.10.25	Harris Academy: 5pm, 15.10.25	Friern Barnet: 5:30pm, 18.9.25
Highlands: 6pm: 13.10.25	Heartlands: 5:30pm, 7.10.25	QE Girls: 6pm, 22.9.25
Kingsmead: 5:30pm, 18.9.25	Highgate Wood: 5pm, 16.10.25	St Andrew the Apostle: 5:30pm, 7.10.25
Laurel Park: 5pm, 8.10.25	Hornsey School for Girls: 5:30pm, 9.10.25	Totteridge Academy: 5:30pm, 2.10.25
Oasis Enfield: 5:30pm, 30.9.25	Mulberry: 5pm, 1.10.25	Wren Academy Finchley :5pm, 24.9.25
St Anne's: 6pm, 29.9.25	St Thomas More: 4:30PM, 30.9.25	
Southgate: 5pm, 2.10.25		
Winchmore: 6pm, 24.9.25		
Wren Academy Enfield: 5:30pm, 15.9.25		



Admission Criteria

- Rules used to decide which children are offered places when there are more applications than places available.
- Rules may differ between local authorities and types of schools.
- Check school and local authority websites in case there are any changes to the information in LA booklets (all booklets will be on our website)



Community School Admission Criteria (summary - see booklet for full details)



- EHCP
- Children in public care or previously adopted
- Children for whom a particular school is appropriate on exceptional medical grounds
- Children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission (living at the same address)
- Children of members of staff
- Children living nearest to the school measured as the “crow flies”

Exceptions

- Chace Community – priority zone for nominated roads
- Enfield County School for Girls has a quota system of allocation



Full details in
*“Your Guide to Secondary
Schools in Enfield 2026” brochure available
online from September 2025 (on Enfield and Bowes
websites)*

Children looked after or previously looked after

You will have to provide evidence of the child's looked after status. This is normally a letter from the social worker.

For previously looked after children, you must provide one of the documents listed below, **as well as** a document or letter confirming your child was previously in care:

- child arrangements order;
- special guardianship order;
- proof of adoption.

Please make sure you submit all relevant supporting information for a priority claim by 31 October 2025. Any evidence submitted after this date will not be considered until after 3 March 2026, Secondary National Offer Day.



Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Selective schools will test children before the closing date for applications.
- Children must be registered directly with the schools to be entered for the relevant selective tests/trials/auditions
- Schools will let parents have the results of the tests/trial/audition before the closing date for the Borough application.



Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Include selective schools on your admissions application if your child is successful in the first round of tests.
- If results are not available before 31st October closing date, you will still need to include the school in your application
- If, after receiving information about the outcome of the test, you want to change your preferred schools, you should make this request as soon as possible and no later than 8th December.
- Further details on Enfield's website



Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and Testing

If parents apply for any of the following schools in Enfield, they may also need to complete the school's own supplementary information form –

For example:

- Bishop Stopford's (VA school)
- St Anne's (VA school)
- St Ignatius College (VA school)
- Latymer – academic entrance test (register July for testing September)
- Enfield Grammar – music/sport 10%
- Kingsmead – art/drama/music (10% of places)

OUT OF BOROUGH

- QE Boys – academic entrance test
- Ashmole – musical aptitude (20 places)
- Friern Barnet – enhanced arts (16 places)
- Henrietta Barnett – academic entrance test
- Mill Hill – dance/music/aptitude
- Dame Alice – academic entrance exam
- Finchley Catholic (VA school)

... and more ...



What can Enfield parents expect?

- One local authority application for all maintained schools (community, foundation, voluntary aided, free school and academy) regardless of where the school is located
- National closing date for the submission of forms – 31st October 2025
- 6 preferences allowed in London (Hertfordshire will only accept four Hertfordshire schools – don't include more)
- Equal consideration given to each school asked for e.g. a 6th preference is ranked higher than a 1st preference if you live closer and it comes to distance criteria.

What can Enfield parents expect?

- The LA will apply for schools outside the area on your behalf.
- They will only accept late applications or changes of preference after the deadline in exceptional circumstances
- If your child is eligible for more than one school, your preference order will be used to decide the final offer
- Single offer emailed on 2nd March 2026



How to apply - www.edmissions.org.uk

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors

Create a new account.



[Register](#)

Returning visitors

Sign into an existing account.



[Sign in](#)

Find schools

In your area.



[Find](#)

Important information

If you require a school place for your child now (In Year) please contact your home Local Authority. Please do not use this website.

From 1 September 2024 you can apply using this website for a school place for September 2025 in a:

- Primary school (Reception)
- Junior school (Year 3)
- Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in a:

- Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- University Technical College (Year 10)

Resetting my password or forgotten my username - Go to the eadmissions home page select 'Reset password/forgotten username' and follow the instructions.

If you have requested a new password and don't receive it straight away please wait 1 hour before requesting another one.

Please note: If your account no longer exists it has been removed because it was not used within a 3 year period. You will need to register again.

To make changes to your application login to your eAdmissions account and click on:

- Edit child's details to change your child's information, at any time (you may need to speak to your home Local Authority about changing the date of birth and the address).
- Edit selected schools to change the school preferences you have selected, by the closing date. After the closing date please contact your home Local authority.

Online Applications

- It is quick and easy to do – just register and follow the instructions
- You will get an email confirmation once you submit your application
- The online system checks that you are completing all the right sections of the application
- The online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until midnight on the closing date
- You will be able to edit/amend your application any time up to the closing date.



You can get your result on the evening of 2nd March 2026 and then either accept or decline your offer online

Making your application

Make sure you include in your application...

- If the child is looked after or adopted?
- If there are brothers or sisters will be attending any of the schools applied for when you start?
- If a parent work at any of the schools listed on your form?



Main residence

What is a 'main residence'?

This is your child's only or main residence on the closing date of application. This is the place where your child sleeps and spends most of their time, Monday to Friday. This cannot be a temporary address, business address, childminder's address, family member address.

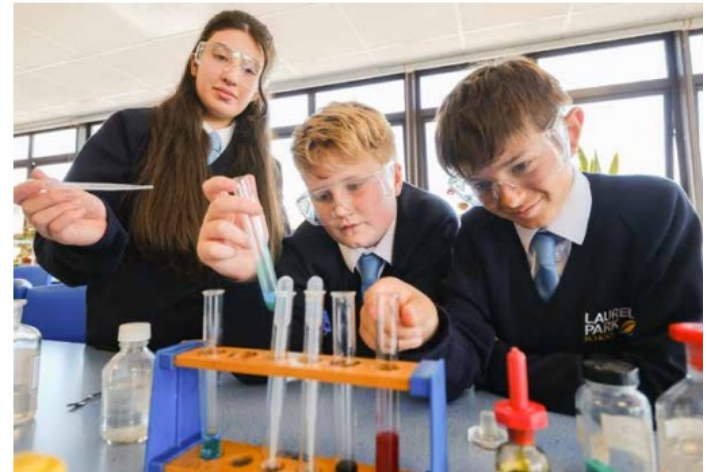
If you own a property but are living at and apply from a different address, the council will consider that the second address is temporary and that the property you own is where your child normally lives.

If parents live separately the application should be made by the parent the child normally lives with. Where a child spends equal time during the school week with each parent you can choose the most appropriate address for school days. This should be a permanent address.

A future 'intended' address will not be accepted.

Making your application

- Provide supporting documentation with your application if you are asking for medical priority
- Be sure the address you use is the child's usual place of residence.
- Include your council tax reference number in your application. Then you do not need to provide proof of address.
- Complete any supplementary forms and send them directly to the schools
- Click **SUBMIT** on your application
- Meet all the deadlines



Children with an EHCP

Children with an EHCP - If a child is in the process of applying for an Education Health and Care place (EHCP) they should still apply through this process.

However, this is not appropriate for any child with an EHCP. Both schools and parents will be advised of the separate process which is lead by the SEN Service

Medical criteria

- You must provide information about any medical issues for your child that you would like considered in relation to your application.
- Very few children are given priority under this criterion as schools can generally meet the needs of the majority of children.
- There is a form on the Enfield website and on the Bowes website (or other local authorities) that you should use when applying under the medical criterion.
- The information you give must state why one particular school/s is more able to meet your child's needs than another. (Some schools do not have a medical criterion.)
- You can provide supporting evidence from professionals
- Medical circumstances of parents are not considered.
- Some schools do not have a medical criterion.

Before you apply

How will your child get to school?

Think about where would suit your child

Keep to the deadlines

Talk to staff

Visit the schools

Read the school prospectus

Be realistic

Ask questions

Do your research

Look at Ofsted reports

Check how admission decisions are made?

Look at school websites

Read the Local Authority Booklet

Involve your child

School Preferences



- You must indicate your true order of preference. Your preference information is not given to any of the Secondary Schools.
- It is 'unlawful' for LA's to operate a 'first preference first' system.
- You will not be able to change your preferences after 31st October unless there are very exceptional circumstances.
- If you change address after the deadline or change primary school you can complete a form to submit to Admissions.
- You are strongly encouraged to consider your preferences very carefully and include some/at least one school they are likely to gain admission to.

How schools are allocated

- Each school you list is considered at the same time, including schools in other local authorities.
- The published admissions criteria are applied to every school you list.
- If a child is eligible for a place at more than one school, ESAS (and in the case of out borough applications, the PAN London Register) will establish which school has been indicated as a higher preference. A place will then be offered at the higher preference school.
- Each school has a set number of places (published admission number) and places are offered until they are full.
- If a child can be offered more than one place they will be offered the highest possible preference on the list.



What happens if you are not offered any of your preferred schools?

- Sometimes you are not offered any school you have listed because other applicants met the admissions criteria better, e.g. other applicants lived closer to the school.

- If this happens you will be offered a place at the nearest school with an available place.

Preference	List preferences	Does my child qualify for this school?	Which school is offered
1	School A	✗	
2	School B	✓	✓
3	School C	✗	
4	School D	✓	
5	School E	✗	
6	School F	✗	

Booklets (all on the LA websites)

www.enfield.gov.uk



www.eadmissions.org.uk
www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions



www.barnet.gov.uk





**Applying for a school place
for September 2026 at
Secondary School**

Application deadline
31 October 2025

www.haringey.gov.uk



Offers and Waiting Lists

- You will be sent an email with the outcome of your application after 7pm on the evening of 2nd March 2026. You will be directed to the on-line website to view your offer letter.
- Waiting list information and information about appealing are included in your letters.
- You will automatically be put on the waiting list for schools with a higher preference on your list. You can check with the LA for your position in the waiting lists and to ensure you remain on the waiting list for as long as you want to.
- You should accept your offer by 16th March. Accepting the offer will not affect your waiting list position or appeal outcome.
- **Right of appeal** : Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. (CAUTION: very few appeals are successful.)

Enfield Schools - What happened this year

The furthest distance a place was offered for admission in September 2025 on national offer day (1 March 2025).



- ARK John Keats - 0.501 miles
- Edmonton County – 4.557 miles
- Highlands - 0.904 miles
- Kingsmead – 1.144 miles
- Southgate – 3.153 miles
- Winchmore – 0.727 miles

All other Enfield schools were able to offer places to all applicants

Please see the information booklet for further details on historical distances

Distances for some out of borough schools (2025)

- The furthest distance the LA offered places for admission in March 2025 – national offer day. Places were offered after March if there was ‘movement’.
- Ashmole – 0.618 miles
- Alexandra Park - 0.4969 miles
- Compton – 0.684 miles
- East Barnet – 0.769 miles
- Fortismere – 0.5762 miles
- St Andrew the Apostle – all offered
- Totteridge Academy – 1.273 miles
- Heartlands – 1.7725 miles
- Highgate Wood – 1.3580 miles
- Mulberry Woodside – 1.0257
- Wren – 0.315 miles (1.079 CofE)

DISTANCES FOR ALL SCHOOLS
IN ENFIELD, HARINGEY AND
BARNET ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

Where did Bowes children go last year

Southgate	16	East Barnet	1
Laurel Park	12	Ark John Keats	1
St Andrews	6	Forest School	1
St Thomas More	4	Ashmole	1
Friern Barnet	3	Hornsey	1
Fortismere	2	St Anne's	1
APS	2	Wilmington Academy	1
Heartlands	1	Park View	1
Enfield Grammar	1	Broxbourne	1
Totteridge Academy	1	Wren	1
		EHCP	1

21+ DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

Distances

- The vast majority of school places are offered under the distance criterion. Distances are measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using a computerized mapping system. Where applicants have identical distance (to thousandths of a mile) priority will be determined at random.
- Local authority websites have a distance calculator.
- There is data and information on schools and distances at:

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

Things to remember

- Find out more about all the schools you are interested in, especially those in your local area.
- Check out school websites for up-to-date information about opportunities to visit – open evenings are planned but schools may have to make changes at short notice.
- Look at the previous years admissions data and criteria.
- Distance counts for many schools and will often be a deciding factor if there are more applications than places available.
- If you are considering schools outside Enfield, look at other authority websites for details as it may be different to Enfield's



Things to remember

- Check if you need to complete a supplementary information form
- Complete all applications in full
- Be aspirational but also realistic
- Speak to your child's primary school
- Admissions will check with the school the child's home address at the time of admission.



If fraud is suspected Admissions will investigate.

MYTH BUSTER

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

I have an older child already at the school so I don't need to apply.

All my friends are going to the school I want so I should be able to go.

I have a right to be given a school of my choice.

Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.

If I only put one school on the application they have to give me that school.

If I put the same school 6 times I will have a better chance of getting that school.

More myths!

- It does not matter if my form is late.
- If I don't apply they'll give me a school anyway.
- They have to give me one of the schools on my list of preferences.
- If I put the nearest school in last place because I don't really want it they will give it to me anyway.
- I can only apply for schools in my local authority.
- I live nearer to the school than a child offered a place last year so I'll get a place.

Timeline for Secondary Transfer

2025	
26 September	Final date for return of Supplementary Information Forms for Kingsmead Performing, Dance and Visual Arts applications
7 October, 4pm	Final date for return of Supplementary Information Forms for Enfield Grammar School Music and Sport applications
10 October	Enfield Grammar School Sports Trials
11 October	Enfield Grammar School Music Aptitude Test
14 October	Enfield Grammar School Music Aptitude Test Round 2
31 October	Final date for return of Supplementary Information Forms for Bishop Stopford's School, St Anne's Catholic High School and St Ignatius College
31 October Midnight	FINAL DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS
2026	
January to the third week of February	Enfield Schools Admission Service, voluntary aided and foundation schools and academies processing all applications and finalising allocations.
2 March	NATIONAL OFFER DAY – Online applicants will receive the outcome of their application during the evening of 2 March.
April onwards	Appeals for all schools.



Any questions?