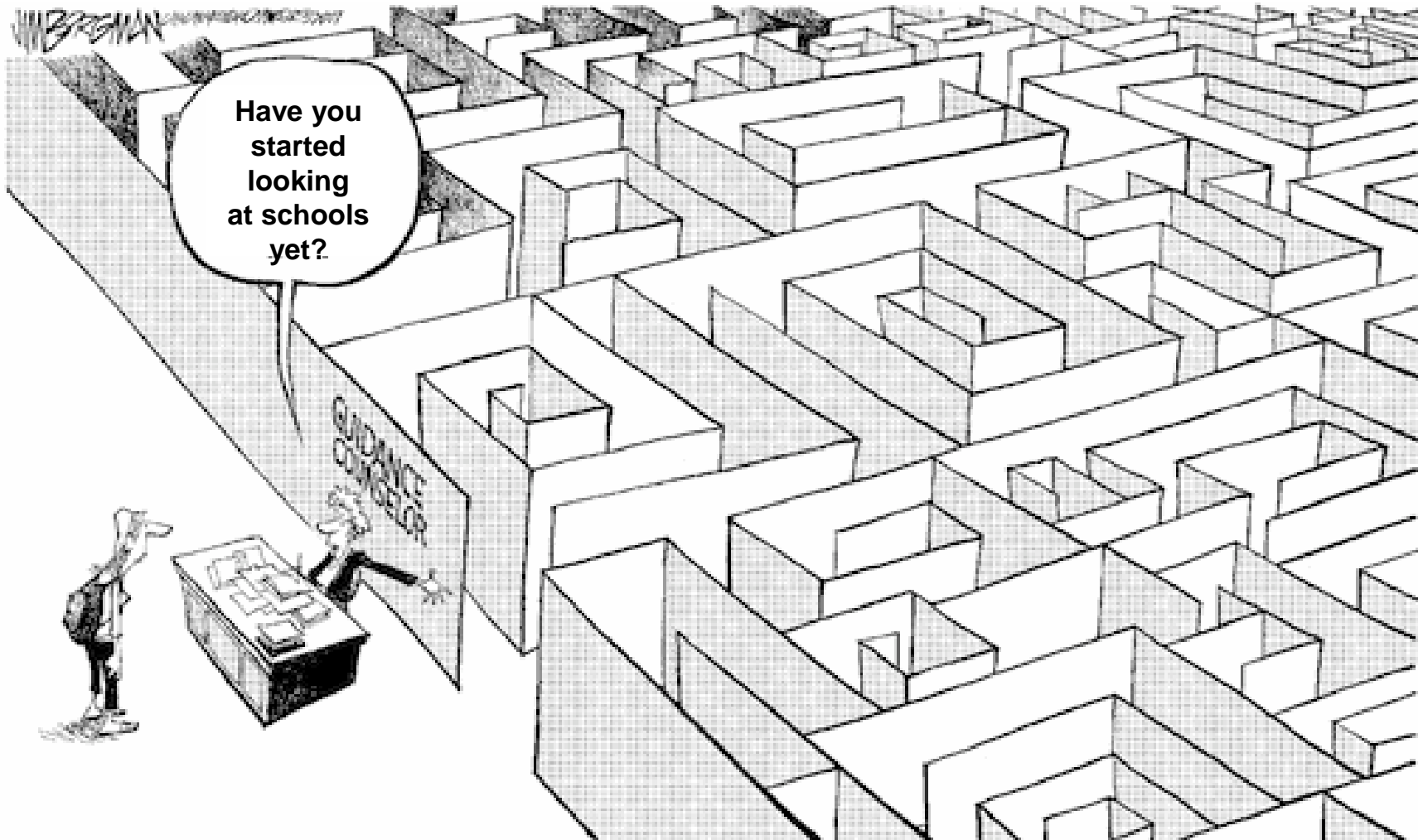




Transfer to Secondary School 2022

Choosing a school



Choosing a school

- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- Who can help me make that decision?

Choosing a school

- Talk to your child
 - find out what they want
 - consider how they will travel to school



Choosing a school

- **Visit the schools**
 - go to the open evenings
 - talk to the teachers
 - talk to the pupils
- **When are the open evenings?**
 - from early September - mid October

Choosing a school

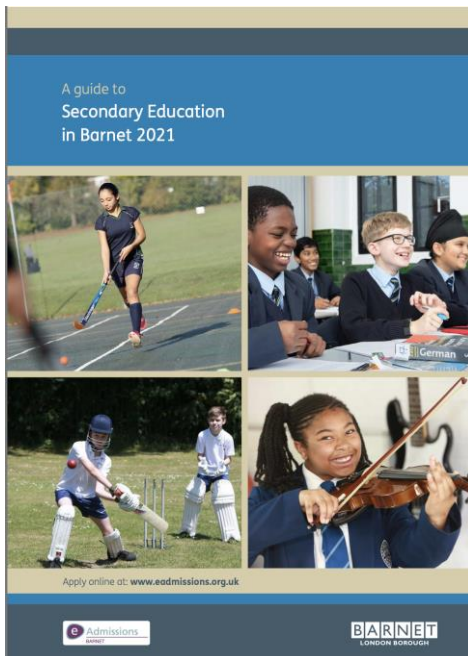


School Prospectus

- **Read the school prospectus**
 - it will have detailed information about:
 - how the school is run
 - which subjects are taught
 - the admissions criteria
 - available at the open evenings
 - download from the school website

Choosing a school

- Read the secondary education guide published by your home local authority



the 2023 guide will be available online
in September 2022

download Barnet's guide at

www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Download Brent's guide at

www.brent.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Choosing a school

- **Talk to the Customer Service Team**

- the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
- how do I contact them?

BARNET:

- phone: 020 8359 7651
- email: school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk



BRENT:

- phone: 020 8937 3110
- email: school.admissions@brent.gov.uk

Choosing a school

- Look at exam results and Ofsted reports
 - the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk
 - achievement and attainment tables are available at www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables

(no data for 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic)

Choosing a school

- Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school
 - selection by aptitude
 - faith criteria
 - siblings
 - distance
- Remember most schools get more applications than they have places available.....



Schools Cut-off Distances 1 March 2022

Name of School	Furthest distance offered (miles)
Copthall School	All
Hendon School	3 ability bands – All
Kingsbury High School	Information not found
London Academy	2.901
Mill Hill High School	1.314
Saracens High School	1.215
St James' Catholic High School (Any other applicant)	All
St Mary's & St John's (SMSJ)	4 ability bands – distance varied from 0.526 - 2.232
Whitefield School	All

[Allocation Table 2022_0.pdf \(barnet.gov.uk\)](#)

Colindale Pupil's Destinations 2022

Schools where more than 1 child has transferred	Number of pupils transferred
Copthall School (Girls)	9
Hendon School	16
Kingsbury High School	18
London Academy	6
Mill Hill County	2
Saracens High School	11
St James Catholic High School	4
St Mary's & St John's (SMSJ)	6
Hampstead School	2

Open Evening Dates

- These will be published by 1st September on the Barnet website or you can check school websites or email the schools.
- Mostly in September.
- Many include a talk by the headteacher and tours of the school.
- Mostly in the early evening but some have days when you can visit.

Meetings at Colindale

Tuesday 13th September at 3.30 - 4.30:

Thursday 15th September at 3.30 - 4.30:

Kingsbury High School

How do I apply?

- How soon can I apply?

- The application process begins on 1 September 2022

- Where do I apply?

- Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

(same website for all local authorities)



Benefits of applying online

- It is quick and easy to do
- The system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week up until the closing date, Monday 31 October 2022
- You can log in and change your application as many times as you like up until 11.59pm on the closing date
- You can register your mobile phone to receive reminder alerts
- You can attach documents to your application
- The system is secure and your information is safe
- The system helps you by checking for errors and telling you if you forget to fill anything in
- You will be sent an email with the outcome of your application during the evening of Wednesday 1 March 2023.

How do I apply?

- How many schools can I apply for?
 - you can apply for up to **SIX** schools
 - you will rank the schools in your order of preference
 - it is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date
- Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?
 - yes, you must include all your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

How do I apply?

- **Realistic Preferences**

- if you only list one school, it will not increase your chances of getting a place at the school and your child will be considered for that one school only
- if this is unsuccessful, you may miss out on an offer which could have been made at another school and you are likely to be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
- it is important to make realistic school choices to increase your chances of securing an offer and to avoid disappointment
- it is important to check how places were offered last year
- remember the cut-off distances are just a guide and will change every year.....
-just because you live nearer to the school than the last child offered a distance place last year, it doesn't mean your child is guaranteed a place

How do I apply?



- Do I need to fill in any other forms?
 - all voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools, free schools & academies will ask you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
 - the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
 - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
 - selective schools will ask about any medical condition that needs to be taken into account at the test and they may also require a photograph
 - Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
 - SIFs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools

How do I apply?

- **What else do I need to provide?**
 - **Proof of address**
 - Your child's permanent address must be used on the application form
 - You must not use a temporary address or an address of convenience, this include a child minder's address, a business address or the address of a relative or friend
 - If you own a property previously used as a home address and apply from another address, the second address will be treated as an address of convenience
 - If you have moved within the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous property
 - If there is some doubt about whether an address of convenience is being used, an investigation will be carried out and the findings reviewed by a panel

Fraudulent addresses

- Each year a small number of parents provide a false address to get a school place
- In doing so they could be depriving your child of a place
- Providing false information is a criminal offence
- If you know someone who intends to use a false address, you can report this in confidence to the corporate anti-fraud team
- Report it online at www.Barnet.Gov.Uk/anti-fraud
- Call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

Selection Tests

- Schools must give parents the test results before they apply for a school place
 - applications to sit the tests should be made directly to the individual school



How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date?**
 - **31 October 2022**
 - **the online system will close at 12 midnight on 31 October**



Selection Tests

- When will the tests be held?
 - Selection tests for Barnet schools (*Ashmole Academy, Friern Barnet, The Henrietta Barnett, Mill Hill County High, Queen Elizabeth Boys', St Michael's Catholic Grammar*), will be held from May to September 2022
 - Banding tests (*St Mary's & St John's CE, Hendon*) are likely to be held in October / November 2022 (dates to be confirmed)

Selection Tests (Barnet Schools)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Test	Deadline to apply (2022)	Test date (2022)
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude Musical Auditions	Fri 20 May	Sun 12 Jun Tues 5 to Thurs 7 Jul
Friern Barnet	Enhanced Arts Programme	Fri 8 Jul	Wed 13 Jul
The Henrietta Barnett	Academic Selection Test (Round One) Academic Selection Test (Round Two)	Fri 15 Jul (5pm)	Thurs 1 and Fri 2 Sep Early Oct
Mill Hill County	Technology Aptitude Test Music Aptitude Test Dance Aptitude Test	Fri 13 May (3pm)	Sat 10 Sep Sat 11 Jun, Sun 19 Jun, Sat 25 Jun, Sun 3 Jul Sun 26 Jun and Sat 9 Jul
Queen Elizabeth Boys	Academic Selection Test	Fri 15 Jul	Wed 21 and Thurs 22 Sep
St Michael's Catholic	Selection Test	Tues 5 Jul	Fri 16 Sep

Selection Tests (Other Boroughs)

(please check individual school websites for updated information)

School	Test	Deadline to apply (2022)	Test date (2022)
Dame Alice Owen's (Hertfordshire)	Musical Aptitude Test (Part 1)	Thurs 9 Jun	Thurs 1 Sep
	Music Aptitude Test (Part 2)		From Mon 26 Sep
	Academic Selection Test (Part 1)		Thurs 1 Sep
	Academic Selection Test (Part 2)		Sat 1 oct
The Latymer (Enfield)	Academic Selection Test	Fri 8 Jul	Fri 2 to Sun 4 Sep

What happens next?

- Co-ordinated admissions
 - all 33 London boroughs and surrounding county councils are included in the co-ordinated admissions process
 - application lists are exchanged
 - offer lists are drawn up
 - offer lists are exchanged



What happens next?

- **How will places be allocated?**
 - if the school receives more applications than places available, the published admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
 - each school listed on the application form is considered against the admissions criteria regardless of the preference order
 - your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools

Offers

- Will I be offered more than one school place?
 - If your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the school which you ranked higher.
 - The lower preference schools will be withdrawn and offered to other children.
 - No child will be offered more than one school place.

Offers

- **Are there enough school places available?**
 - **Yes, every child will be provided with a school place.**
 - **It may not always be possible to offer a school from your list – you would be offered the nearest school with a place.**

Offers

- **When will I hear?**
 - **National Offer Day is Wednesday 1 March 2022**
 - **You will be sent an email with the result of your application during the evening of 1 March**
 - **You can then login into your eAdmissions account for further information**

Offers

- **Accepting offers**
 - **Places must be accepted or declined online by 15 March 2023.**
 - **Further rounds of offers will be made as places become available.**

No Offer?

- What happens if I don't get any of my preferred schools?
 - your child will be allocated a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
 - remain on the waiting lists
 - appeal for a place
 - join waiting lists for other schools

Waiting Lists

- If you do not get a place at any school you applied for, or you want a place at a school higher up your list, you will be added to school waiting lists.
- If you want a place at a school lower on your list or at a school you did not apply to, you can ASK to be added to the school waiting lists.
- After the end of July, you need to apply again to remain on a school's waiting list.

Appeals

- every parent has the right of appeal
- appeals are heard by an independent panel
- you will have the opportunity to present your case in person
- you will need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admission number
- appeals are unlikely to be successful unless there are exceptional grounds