

YEAR 5 SECONDARY TRANSFER EVENING



Tuesday 18th March 2025



GRAMMAR: SEPTEMBER 2025 (APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AROUND JULY 2025)

INDEPENDENT: NOVEMBER - JANUARY 25/26

STATE - MARCH 2026 (APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AROUND OCTOBER 31ST)

Please visit all websites for exact dates and application deadlines.



KEY TO SUCCESS:
SELF ESTEEM
CONFIDENCE
RESILIENCE
POSITIVE MINDSET AND WELL-BEING

We ask that you also promote the above and work with your child or children to build self-esteem, resilience and confidence, as well as listen to advice from the staff at St Christopher's.

YEAR 6: SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WITH FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE PROCESS.
TWO PARENT MEETINGS WITH THE YEAR 6 TEAM AND MR. CARTER.

WHERE IS THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD? TAKE TIME TO RESEARCH SCHOOLS - LOOK ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITES FOR KEY DATES AND INFORMATION.

WE WILL SUPPORT, ADVISE AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU. PLEASE LISTEN AND TAKE ON OUR ADVICE AS WE KNOW YOUR CHILDREN.

DO NOT COMPARE YOUR CHILD TO ANYONE ELSE; YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY IS PERSONAL TO THEM. NOT ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE SUITABLE FOR YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS.

WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH KEY DATES AND GUIDANCE WITH THE SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS. PLEASE ASK - WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.



Transition Model for Year 5 and 6



SPRING 2025: SMALL GROUP TEACHING (MATHS AND ENGLISH), VR/NVR (BOFA AND SKILLS), CURRENT AFFAIRS.
INITIAL SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING.

SUMMER 2025: SMALL GROUP TEACHING, VR/NVR (BOFA AND SKILLS), INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE.
VISIT SCHOOLS/OPEN MORNINGS/APPLICATIONS FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

AUTUMN 2026: SMALL GROUP TEACHING, VR/NVR (BOFA), INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE.
INTERVIEW PREP WITH EXTERNAL HEADTEACHER.

MOCK EXAM FOR ENGLISH AND MATHS - TO GET A SENSE OF AN EXAM ROOM ENVIRONMENT

TRANSFER REPORTS WRITTEN AND SENT TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

MEETINGS WITH YEAR 6 TEACHERS (SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER)

INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH MR CARTER

OPEN MORNINGS/ APPLICATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT AND STATE SCHOOLS

SPRING 2026: WHOLE CLASS TEACHING - POWER OF READING, PROJECT WORK, ST JOHN AMBULANCE
INTERVIEWS/SCHOLARSHIP DAYS/RESULTS
TRANSITION FOR YEAR 7

NEWSTEAD WOODS: [HTTPS://WWW.NEWSTEADWOOD.CO.UK/ADMISSIONS/ADMISSIONS](https://www.newsteadwood.co.uk/admissions/admissions)

ST OLAVES: [HTTPS://WWW.SAINTO LAVES.NET/4205/KEY-DATES-1](https://www.saintolaves.net/4205/key-dates-1)

KENT GRAMMAR: [HTTPS://WWW.KENT.GOV.UK/EDUCATION-AND-CHILDREN/SCHOOLS/SCHOOL-PLACES/KENT-TEST](https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test)

BEXLEY GRAMMAR: [HTTPS://WWW.BEXLEY.GOV.UK/SERVICES/SCHOOLS-AND-EDUCATION/SELECTION-TESTS/REGISTER-SECONDARY-SELECTION-TEST](https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/register-secondary-selection-test)

SUTTON GRAMMAR:

[HTTPS://WWW.SUTTONGRAMMAR.SUTTON.SCH.UK/ADMISSIONS/SELECTIVE-ELIGIBILITY-TEST-EXAMINATION/#:~:TEXT=REGISTRATION%20FOR%20THE%20SELECTIVE%20ELIGIBILITY,REGARDING%20THE%20SELECTIVE%20ELIGIBILITY%20TEST](https://www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk/admissions/selective-eligibility-test-examination/#:~:text=REGISTRATION%20FOR%20THE%20SELECTIVE%20ELIGIBILITY,REGARDING%20THE%20SELECTIVE%20ELIGIBILITY%20TEST)



Grammar School Applications – September Exams
Some Super Selective schools will have 2 stages.
Please check the websites for application deadlines.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WILL ALL HAVE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION PROCESS. SOME SCHOOLS WILL HAVE STAGE ONE (AN EXAM) AND THEN CALL STUDENTS BACK FOR AN INTERVIEW. OTHERS MAY HAVE AN EXAM AND INTERVIEW ON THE SAME DAY.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS USUALLY AT THE END OF OCTOBER/START OF NOVEMBER

EXAMS ARE USUALLY BETWEEN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THE SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES, DATES FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS AND PROCESS.
WE CAN SUPPORT WITH THIS AT THE START OF YEAR 6.



Independent Schools

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INVITED BACK AUTOMATICALLY OR OFFERED BASED ON THEIR EXAM RESULT.

MUSIC, SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE A DISCOUNT OFF THE FEES. THIS MAY ONLY BE A SMALL DISCOUNT.

PLEASE SPEAK TO THE HEAD OF PREP FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE IF YOU THINKING ABOUT APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. WE WILL ENDORSE IT AS AS WE HAVE A PROFESSIONAL TRUST AND REPUTATION WITH SCHOOLS. PLEASE CHECK THE REQUIREMENT/EXPECTATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CRITERIA.

THESE EXTRA DAYS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP ARE ON TOP OF THE EXAM. A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT WILL BE REQUIRED IF YOUR CHILD IS SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER THIS IS THE RIGHT OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD; THEY MAY WANT TO EXPLORE OTHER ASPECTS WITHIN SCHOOL AND FIND OTHER INTERESTS.

APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT IMPACT EXAM RESULT OR OVERALL OUTCOME.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR THOSE WHO REALLY EXCEL IN THAT PARTICULAR CURRICULUM AREA. PLEASE TAKE THE ADVICE FROM THE SPECIALIST TEACHERS, MR CARTER AND MISS RULE.

WE SEND APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. PARENTS DO NOT SEE OR SEND THESE BEFOREHAND.



Scholarships – Things to understand and consider

Quick Reference Guide

Super Selective 135 +	Highly Selective 125 - 135	Selective + 115 - 125	Selective 110 - 115	Broad Ability 95 - 110
St Olaves	Alleyns	JAGS	Bromley High	Babington House
Newstead Woods	City of London for Boys	St Dunstan's	Croydon High	Bickley Park
St Paul's Girls	City of London for Girls		Dulwich Prep	Bishop Challoner
	Dulwich College		Walthamstow Hall	Blackheath High
	Eltham College		Whitgift	Caterham
	St Paul's Boys		Woldingham	Farringdon
	Trinity			Fidelis
	Grammar			Radnor House
				Royal Russell
				Sydenham High

Boys
Girls
CoEd



Quick Reference guide – Standardised scores.

Name of School	Number of pupils who applied	Number of pupils offered a place	Scholarships offered
Alleyns	3	2	1 Academic
Bishop Challoner	1	1	1 Art 1 Academic
Bromley High School	3	3	1 Art
Caterham	1	1	1 Academic
City of London (Boys)	1	1	
Croydon High	3	3	2 Sport
Dulwich	4	3	1 Academic
Eltham College	6	5	3 Academic 1 Sport
Kent Grammar Schools	3	3	
Langley Girls		2	
Langley Boys		3	
The Laurels	1	1	
Newstead Woods School	2	1	
Royal Russell	3	3	1 Academic 1 Sport
St Dunstan's	5	4	1 Academic
St Olave's Grammar School	3	1	
Sutton Grammar	2	2	
Sydenham High	3	3	1 Drama 1 Sport
Trinity School	7	6	3 Academic 1 Sport
Whitgift	8	8	3 Academic 3 Sport



Offers 2025
This year we received the most academic scholarships since 2022.

MR CARTER AND MISS RULE WILL MEET WITH THE SLT FROM ST DUNSTAN'S, AND ROSEMEAD.

WITH OUR DATA, WE CAN PUT FORWARD STUDENTS TO BE OFFERED AUTOMATIC PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 (THEY WILL HAVE TO MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDISED MEAN SCORE OF 115 TO BE OFFERED A PLACE)

THE OFFERS WILL BE SENT OUT DURING THE SUMMER TERM - THIS MAY SUPPORT YOU WITH A DECISION AS TO WHETHER YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR OTHER SCHOOLS/11+

ALL PUPILS CAN APPLY FOR A PLACE IF THEY ARE NOT INITIALLY OFFERED ONE.

YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS; THESE ARE NOT GIVEN AUTOMATICALLY.

The St Dunstan's Group



MISS RULE AND MR CARTER HAVE BUILT AND CONTINUE TO BUILD EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL LOCAL INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

FEEDBACK FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS: ST CHRISTOPHER'S STUDENTS ARE WELL RESPECTED AND HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER.

WE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ENTRY PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS; WE ADAPT OUR EXAMINATION PRACTICE ACCORDINGLY, PROVIDING A BESPOKE CURRICULUM AND EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S.

WE HAVE EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION CHANNELS: SLT AND THE YEAR 6 TEACHERS WILL HAVE MET AND HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH A NUMBER OF TEACHERS INVOLVED WITH SECONDARY TRANSITIONS.

MR. CARTER WILL SPEAK WITH ADMISSIONS AND HEADTEACHERS BEFORE AND AFTER EXAM RESULTS AND INTERVIEWS.

Relationship with schools



Next Steps and Top Tips



BEGIN TO LOOK AT WEBSITES OF SCHOOLS YOU MAY WISH YOUR CHILD TO LOOK AROUND AND APPLY FOR.

START CONSIDERING SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD AND GOING TO OPEN DAYS WITHOUT THEM – PARENTAL DECISION.
(VISIT SCHOOLS WITH YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 6)

DISCUSS GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPTIONS WITH MISS RULE AND MR CARTER. LOOK AT DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES.

KEEP AN OPEN MIND THROUGHOUT – YOUR CHILD MAY CHANGE THEIR MIND DURING THE PROCESS – DO NOT APPLY FOR SCHOOLS TO 'PRACTICE'. THIS CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD.

APPLY FOR THE GRAMMAR AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR YOUR CHILD - THE RIGHT SCHOOL, NOT THE BEST SCHOOL.

TUTORS CAN HELP WITH TECHNIQUE, TIMING AND SUPPORT – PLEASE SPEAK TO MR CARTER OR MISS RULE FOR ADVICE.

DO NOT OVERLOAD YOUR CHILD WITH ENDLESS TEST PAPERS – THIS MAY LEAD TO STRESS AND ANXIETY.

SPEAK POSITIVELY AND OPENLY ABOUT ALL SCHOOLS ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF YOUR CHILD.

STAY CALM – IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE ASK FOR SUPPORT.