

YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER EVENING



Wednesday 17th September 2025



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.



GRAMMAR: SEPTEMBER 2025 (APPLICATION CLOSED)

INDEPENDENT: NOVEMBER - JANUARY 25/26

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

Please visit all websites for exact dates and application deadlines.

TIME TO CONSIDER AND VISIT SCHOOLS YOU MAY WISH YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.

PLEASE CONSIDER EVERYTHING: LIVING COST AND CURRENT FINANCIAL CLIMATE- CONSIDER THIS AND YOUR SITUATION BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO AN EXAM.

ONCE YOU HAVE CHOSEN, AND VISITED; REGISTER TO ATTEND OPEN MORNINGS AND TASTER DAYS. YOU MAY WISH TO BOOK A MEETING THIS HALF TERM WITH MR CARTER TO DISCUSS OPTIONS.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOW BE OPEN AND DEADLINES WILL BE CLEARLY PRESENTED ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.

LET MISS RULE AND THE CLASS TEACHER KNOW DATES YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT - OPEN DAYS AND EXAMS - COULD ALL BE ON THE SAME DAY.

WAIT FOR COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL/S YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR.

DECIDE ON THE MOST SUITABLE SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD AND ACCEPT PLACE. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE ASK US – WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

SUPPORT CHILD'S WELL-BEING THROUGHOUT THE EXAM PROCESS. THE NEW SCHOOL COUNSELLOR WILL SPEAK WITH THE CHILDREN ON THE 08.09 AND 29.09 AND HE WILL HOST A PARENT EDUCATION COFFEE MORNING ON MANAGING STRESS LEVELS (13TH OCTOBER AT 8.15-9.00AM)



TRANSITION MODEL YEAR 6: Looking, choosing and applying.



AUTUMN 2025

LESSON CONTENT WILL CONTINUE ON FROM WHERE THE CHILDREN WERE IN THE SUMMER TERM OF YEAR 5, WITH CONSTANT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE STAFF TO ENSURE CONTINUITY AND PROGRESSION OF SKILLS.

*EXAM TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES ARE COVERED IN WEEKLY VR AND NVR SESSIONS WITH DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER, MRS WEST.

* WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE AN ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM AND OTHER RESOURCES TO SUPPORT VR/NVR.

*TIMED MATHS AND COMPREHENSION PAPERS AS WELL AS WRITING ASSIGNMENTS ARE BUILT INTO THE CURRICULUM, ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS REQUIRED FOR EACH TO SUPPORT PUPILS' CONFIDENCE AND TIME MANAGEMENT.

*OPPORTUNITIES TO GO THROUGH PAPERS TOGETHER AND GIVE IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK.

*MR. CARTER, MRS. DODD, MRS MOORLEY, MRS DAVIES AND MRS ALDRIDGE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND TEACH SMALL GROUPS.

* OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE EXAM CONDITIONS IN A HALL.

*WRITE CVs (USED IN TRANSITION REPORTS).

*WEEKLY INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE LESSONS WITH MRS WEST, WHERE PUPILS GO OVER QUESTIONS THAT THEY MIGHT EXPECT TO HEAR.

*MOCK INTERVIEWS AND FEEDBACK ARE HELD IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TERM WITH MR CARTER AND AN EXTERNAL HEADTEACHER FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.



PARENT INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

WELCOME MEETING

GOOGLE MEET

INFORMATION EVENING

PARENTS' EVENINGS - 01/10/25 & 03/10/25 (10 MINUTES IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

COFFEE MORNING WITH DAVID BROOKS: 13/10/25 - 8:30 - 9:00

PARENTS' EVENINGS - END OF AUTUMN TERM

MEETING WITH MR CARTER - PLEASE BOOK IN - EMAIL MRS JEFFERY

MISS RULE AND MR PRETARA ARE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS AT ANY POINT.



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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

SOME SELECTIVE SCHOOL MAY HAVE TWO STAGES.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS USUALLY AT THE END OF OCTOBER - PLEASE SEE ALL WEBSITES FOR EXACT DATES.

EXAMS ARE USUALLY BETWEEN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THE SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES, DATES FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS AND PROCESS.

SCHOOLS WILL ASK FOR REFERENCES/TRANSFER REPORTS - **WE SEND THESE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL - YOU DO NOT ATTACH THESE TO YOUR APPLICATION.**



SCHOLARSHIPS - THINGS TO CONSIDER

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INVITED BACK AUTOMATICALLY.

MUSIC, SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE A SMALL DISCOUNT OFF THE FEES - 10%

PLEASE SPEAK TO THE HEAD OF PREP FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE IF THINKING ABOUT GOING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. WE WILL ENDORSE IT AS A SCHOOL. WE HAVE A PROFESSIONAL TRUST AND REPUTATION WITH SCHOOLS.

THESE EXTRA DAYS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP ARE ON TOP OF THE EXAM. IT IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT; IF YOU ACCEPT A SCHOLARSHIP IN THIS AREA - EXPECT YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF SPORTS TEAMS/MUSIC GROUPS.

APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP **DOES NOT** IMPACT EXAM RESULT/ OUTCOME.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR THOSE WHO REALLY EXCEL IN THAT PARTICULAR CURRICULUM AREA. PLEASE TAKE THE ADVICE FROM THE SPECIALIST TEACHERS AND MISS RULE. PLEASE ALSO LOOK AT THE GUIDANCE/ EXPECTATIONS ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.

WE, AS A SCHOOL, SEND APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL.

School	Application and Exam dates
Alleyns	<u>Senior School 11+ Alleyn's School</u>
Babington House	<u>Admissions - Babington House School</u>
Bromley High	<u>Senior Admissions - Bromley High School</u>
City of London (Girls)	<u>Admissions - City of London School for Girls</u>
City of London (Boys)	<u>11+ Entry City of London School</u>
Croydon High	<u>How to Apply - Admissions Croydon High School</u>
Cumnor House	<u>https://cumnor.co.uk/admissions/</u>
Dulwich College	<u>Year 7 entry (11+) - Admissions - Dulwich College</u>
Dulwich Prep (Years 7 and 8)	<u>https://www.dulwichpreplondon.org/admissions/</u>
Eltham College	<u>Entry at 11+ - Eltham College</u>
City of London (Girls)	<u>Admissions - City of London School for Girls</u>
City of London (Boys)	<u>11+ Entry City of London School</u>
Farringtons	<u>Admissions Independent School Bromley</u>



JAGS	<u>Apply - James Allen's Girls' School</u>
Royal Russell	<u>Year 7 Entry (11+) - Royal Russell School</u>
St Dunstan's College	<u>11+ entry - St Dunstan's College</u>
Sydenham High	<u>Senior Admissions - Sydenham High School, South London</u>
Trinity	<u>Trinity School</u>
Walthamstow Hall	<u>Admissions Key Dates - Walthamstow Hall Independent Girls' School Sevenoaks</u>
Whitgift	<u>11+ Entry - Whitgift School</u>

Application Deadline: 31st October 2025 - State Schools:
[Secondary school places - London Borough of Bromley](#)

[School admissions | Croydon Council](#)

[Secondary school admissions for next academic year | Lambeth Council](#)



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.
These will differ year on year.**

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



EXAMS SHOULD BE OVER BY THE END OF JANUARY. OFFERS WILL BE IN FEBRUARY.

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM – 6

- EXTENDED HOMEWORK TASKS.
- PROJECT WORK - ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE, SECONDARY TRANSFER, ENTERPRISE, HORIZON (LIFE SKILLS)
- POWER OF READING - ENGLISH.
- MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY - INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE.
- WELL-BEING SESSIONS AND SPECIFIC PSHE SESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION INTO YEAR 7.
- EXPECTATIONS FOR YEAR 7.
- AFTER ALL EXAMS ARE FINISHED, BOTH CLASSES WILL CONTINUE WITH THE YEAR 6 CURRICULUM AND BE GIVEN EXCITING PROJECTS TO CARRY OUT. WE WILL HAVE A REAL FOCUS ON **INDEPENDENCE AND TEAMWORK**.

Year 6 Spring and Summer



Next Steps and Top Tips



LISTEN TO ADVICE FROM MISS RULE, MR PRETARA AND MR. CARTER.

REMEMBER THE SCHOOL IS FOR YOUR CHILD – CONSIDER ALL VIABLE OPTIONS.

DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR 'PRACTICE'. THIS WILL NOT BENEFIT THEM IN ANY WAY, IN FACT, IT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE.

TUTORS CAN HELP WITH TECHNIQUE 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 THEM.

SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN; DISCUSS WORLD EVENTS, EXPLORE NEW PLACES/EXHIBITS AND READ - IT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPACTFUL THING THEY CAN DO!

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