

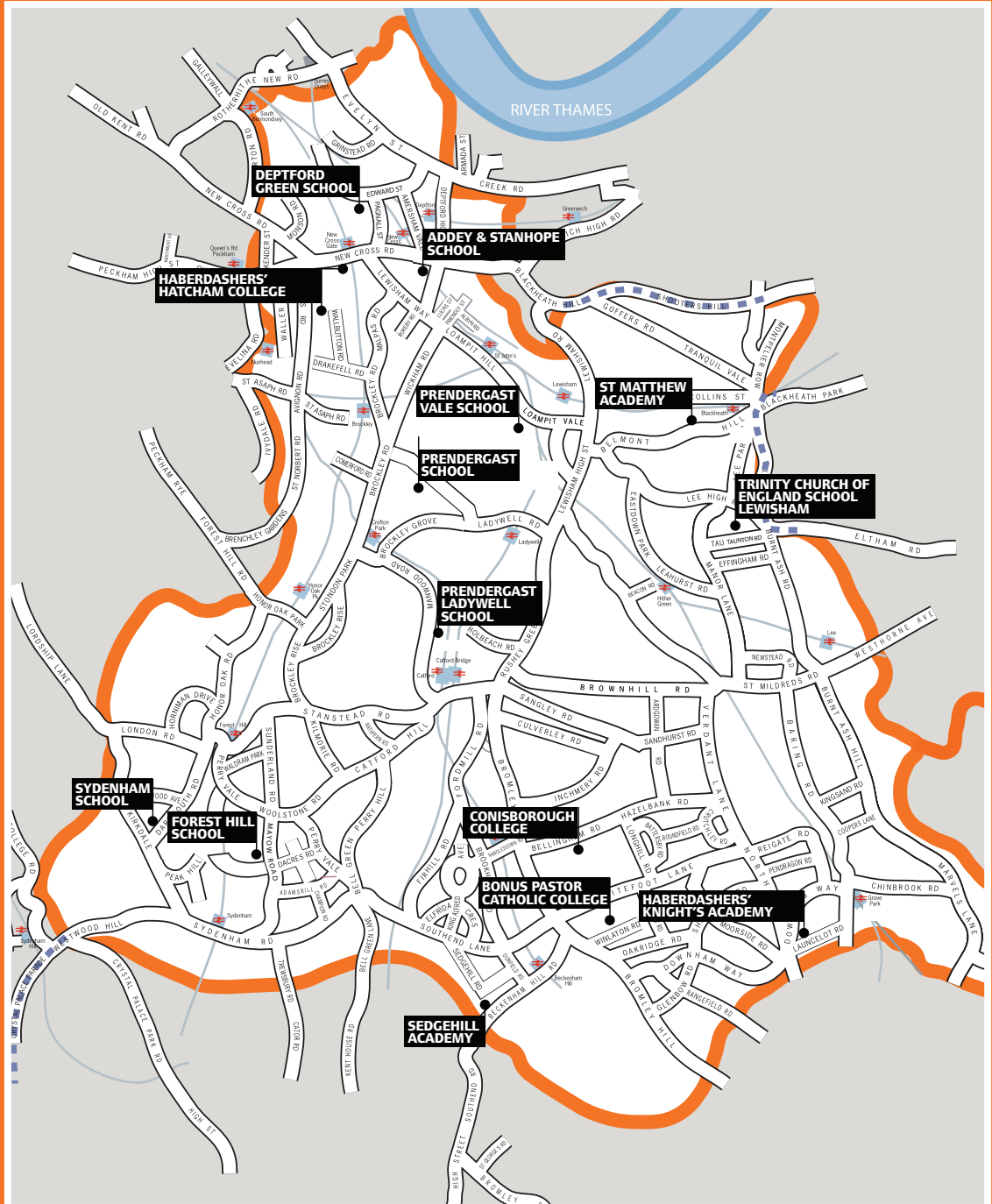


closing date for  
applications 31 Oct 2024

# Bright futures

Applying to start secondary school this autumn

# Mainstream secondary schools in Lewisham



# Introduction

Having had three children pass through local schools, I know what an exciting and important moment this is in your child's life. I also know that it can be an anxious time. This guide should help you to work out which school is right for your child. It offers information about the process of moving from primary to secondary school, and also about every secondary school in the borough. There is more information available online at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

In recent years, we've seen a rise in Lewisham parents and children choosing Lewisham secondary schools. There are good reasons for that. Secondary schools in Lewisham are diverse and inclusive places to learn, are modern, vibrant and stimulating, with dedicated and skilled staff. Ofsted tells us that 99% of maintained schools and academies in Lewisham are 'Good' or 'Outstanding.'

My strong advice would be to visit as many schools as you can before deciding. Don't judge a school based on what others say (which is often wrong or out of date) – visit and make your own decision. In the end, you will know what's right for your child, but you can only make that judgement if you've seen them for yourself. There's lots to consider. Think about the amount of time your child will spend travelling to school and back.

Spending many hours each week travelling to a distant school may not be best for your child. You might be surprised by what's on offer at schools closer to home once you visit and speak to staff, parents and students.

There are many elements that make a great school. Find out about the extra-curricular activities available. How does the school challenge high academic achievers? What support is available for children with special educational needs? Does the school take the mental health of its pupils seriously? All these factors could help with your decision.

At the time we go to print, all our secondary schools are planning to run in-person open days and evenings; confirmed dates are on the back page of this booklet. Please check the dates on the school website before visiting, in case of changes.

I know our secondary schools well. I am confident they have a lot to offer. Wherever your child goes, we wish all those starting secondary school next year the very best for the future.

**Councillor Chris Barnham**  
Cabinet Member for Children  
and Young People



# Applying for your child

Applying for a secondary school place can seem like a daunting task. Here are the things you need to know and some tips on the process to help you.

## Make a note of the deadline date for applications – Monday 31 October 2024

You need to apply for secondary schools when your child is in Year 6. The application period starts on 1 September and closes on 31 October each year.

## Which schools can I apply for?

You can apply for schools in the borough of Lewisham or outside the borough, but not special schools, alternative provision, pupil referral units, or independent (fee paying) schools.

## Visit as many schools as you can

Visit as many schools as you can before deciding which ones to apply to. School open days will show you more than a league table can – you'll get a flavour of the school, meet headteachers, staff and students, go on a tour of the school and see examples of students' work.

## Read the admissions criteria

It's very important that you understand the admissions criteria for the schools you're interested in so you know whether you have a realistic chance of your application being successful.

## Use all your six preferences

You can apply to up to six schools. When you apply, you should use all six preferences for the best chance of getting a place at a school of your choosing. You must list your schools in preference order.

## Apply online

Applying online is quick and easy. You need to complete a supplementary information form for some schools, as well as naming the school on your application. For example, a church school will need to see evidence from your church leader of church attendance.

## National offer day is 3 March 2025

If you made an 'on time' online application, you will get an email in the evening after 5pm, telling you where your child has been offered a place.

If you applied on a paper application form, or if you haven't been offered a place at any of the schools you applied for, we will send you the results by first class post on the 3 March or by email after 5pm on 3 March.

For more information about applying for a secondary school place, visit [www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)



# Special educational needs and disabilities provision and special schools

**In Lewisham, we are determined to support all our children to thrive and achieve their full potential**

Most children with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities are educated and supported in mainstream schools. Each of our mainstream secondary schools has a special educational needs policy and SEN Information Report published on their website for parents/carers to review and to find out more about the SEN provision of the individual school.

It's a good idea to talk to other parents of children with SEN/SEND and/or with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who already attend the school. Most schools will also be happy to arrange a meeting with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) before you apply for a place/ highlight a preference for a particular school in your application form. If your child has an

EHCP, the process of applying for a secondary school is different. The statutory SEN Service will ask you to express your preferences and a formal consultations will commence. You can seek further advice from your school or SEN team.

We have a range of special schools as well as SEN Resource Bases across our secondary mainstream schools. All of these have set admissions criteria and are only considered for young people who require this specialist provision, who must have an EHC Plan.

For more information about the specialist provision at our schools and the application process, visit the website and/or speak to your child's current school and the SEN Team. [www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/specialschools](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/specialschools)

## News from our schools

It's an exciting time for secondary schools in Lewisham as they continue to make improvements across the board.

All our secondary schools are part of Lewisham Learning - a schools-led partnership established by school leaders and the local authority to deliver high quality school improvements to all Lewisham schools.

As part of our wider commitment across the borough, important work is happening in our schools to tackle race inequalities in education.

This includes teacher and leadership training, strengthening parent and community

relationships and developing a modern curriculum to better reflect our diverse community here in Lewisham.

We know that these improvements to our education system will be beneficial to all Lewisham children, irrespective of their background.

For more information please visit [lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/race-equality-in-schools](http://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/race-equality-in-schools)

## 2024/25 admissions and appeals rates for Lewisham community schools and own admission authority (AA) schools

The following table indicates how places were allocated on 1 March 2023 under each admissions criterion.

	Published admissions number	Total number of applications	Children looked after	Sports or music places (AA schools)	Year 6 children on roll (AA schools)	Exceptional medical or social reasons	Sibling on roll	Distance of last place offered under home-to-school distance (metres)	Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan	Number of appeals heard in the summer of 2023	Successful appeals in the summer of 2024
Addley & Stanhope	120	421	3	N/A	N/A	0	31	1,912.04	11	●	●
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	180	745	2	N/A	N/A	0	52	3,230.31	14	●	●
Conisborough College	180	370	N/A	●	●	N/A	19	★	10	0	0
Deptford Green School	180	666	2	●	●	N/A	50	1,606.82	10	5	0
Forest Hill School	180	402	1	●	●	N/A	25	★	11	0	0
Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College	208	904	N/A	22	N/A	0	71	856.98	6	●	●
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	208	485	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	39	★	9	●	●
Prendergast School	120	588	2	10	N/A	0	25	1,154.17	4	●	●
Prendergast Vale School	120	418	1	N/A	10	0	9	★	7	●	●
Prendergast Ladywell School	180	803	2	N/A	60	0	32	977.71	11	●	●
St Matthew Academy	180	430	1	N/A	25	0	35	★	5	●	●
Sedgehill Academy	180	569	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	37	2,529.72	8	●	●
Sydenham School	240	655	2	●	●	N/A	34	2,289.37	5	3	1
Trinity Church of England School Lewisham	120	354	1	N/A	27	0	25	2,104.58	9	●	●

Key ★: Applicants all offered a place ●: Contact school

For 2024/25 admissions, all distances were measured in metres using a straight line to a point in the school premises as determined by the Ordinance Survey.

# How the preference system works

**On national offer day your child will be offered one school place. If they qualify for a place at more than one school on the list, they will be offered a place at the school that comes highest out of those potential offers on their list of preferences.**

If we can't offer your child a place at one of the schools you applied for, we will offer them a place at the school closest to your home where there is a vacancy.

We strongly recommend that you apply for six schools, including your nearest school.

## Examples of the preference system

- Child A has applied for six schools. They don't qualify for a place at the first or second preference school but do qualify for a place at their third preference school. We offer the third preference school to the child on national offer day. The fourth, fifth and sixth preference schools are 'settled' (meaning your application is not progressed further) as they were ranked lower on the list. The child stays on the waiting list of their first and second preference schools and they will get the right of appeal for them.
- Child B has applied for one school. The school is oversubscribed and the child does not qualify for one of the vacancies under the admissions criteria. We tell the parent the outcome and about their right to appeal. We offer a place at the closest school in Lewisham to the family's home where there is a vacancy as an alternative. The child stays on the waiting list for their preferred school.
- Child C has applied for six schools and can be offered a place at their first preference school on national offer day. All of the other schools named on the list are 'settled'. However, the child has an older brother at their third preference school and, after national offer day, the parent wants the child to go to that school instead. The parent will then need to contact the admissions team to make a further application so their child's name is added to the school's waiting list. The parent is also advised to accept the school place offered.
- Child D has applied for six schools, all outside the borough, but does not qualify for a place at any of them. We offer the parent a place at a school where there is a vacancy and tell them about their right to appeal. However, the parent wants their child to go to a school close to their home, which they hadn't applied for. That school is oversubscribed and has not been able to offer all applicants a place. The parent will need to contact the admissions team to make a further application to add their child's name to the waiting list. The parent is advised to accept the place offered and will remain on the waiting list for their higher preference schools.

Our admissions team is available to answer any questions about admissions criteria and the preference system. You can email them at [secondaryschooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryschooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk)

# Common myths about the admissions process

You will probably hear lots of different things about how the school admissions process works. Here we explain some of the common myths and assumptions people make.

## 1. My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools

Not true. Your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the school's admission criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (for example, because your preferences were unrealistic) they will be offered a place at the nearest school to your home that has a vacancy after all on-time applicants have been offered places.

## 2. If I list only one school then my child has to be offered a place there

Not true. Listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to use all six preferences and include your nearest school amongst them.

## 3. I live nearer to the school than a child who was offered a place under the distance criterion last year so my child is guaranteed a place

Not true. The number of pupils that each school offers places to under each criterion can change from year to year. Just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it doesn't mean your child will be offered a place there. The information about offers in March 2025 for each school is on page 6. However, remember this information is a guide only and no child is guaranteed a place at any school.

## 4. If I don't put down the nearest school to my house, my child will get allocated a place there anyway

Not true. If your child doesn't get offered a place at any of your preferred schools, they will be offered a place at the nearest school in Lewisham that has places. This won't necessarily be the school nearest to you.

## 5. If I put the nearest school down on my list of preferences, the local authority will just allocate my child to that school to fill places, regardless of what order I list it

Not true. The admission system is subject to strict legal rules to ensure fairness, and is monitored and managed extremely carefully. The local authority will only offer your child a place at the school closest to you if it is on your list, and they do not get allocated a place at any schools higher up your list.

## 6. If I 'hassle' the local authority every day and call or email them constantly to make sure my child gets a place at their preferred school, they will eventually give my child a place to keep me quiet!

Not true. You will get a place dependent on where you are in the waiting list. Waiting lists can move between March and September, and you may get other offers. Because of the strict legal rules that guide this process, your chance of getting other offers will not be affected in any way by the amount of contact you have with the admissions team. It's a very busy time for them and they are legally required to allocate places through the admissions criteria process.



# Addey and Stanhope School

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I am so proud to be Headteacher of Addey and Stanhope – a school at the heart of the Deptford community. We are a small, caring, high-achieving, ambitious school that has enriched thousands of lives for over 400 years. We truly know our students and have a solid commitment to each and every one of them. Our work to promote their personal development has rightly been judged as outstanding; our pupils feel happy, safe, and supported – surrounded by exceptional staff; excellent teaching; a curriculum that caters to their individual needs; and enrichment opportunities that equip them for successful futures.

We live up to our strapline: 'A small school doing big things'. Our students go to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group universities and undertake quality apprenticeships. We have strong links with Colfe's and Christ's Hospital Schools, and students have the opportunity to secure fully funded scholarships to these and other independent schools. Our careers and pathways education is exceptional and nationally recognised as such. We continue to achieve local and national recognition in a range of areas including citizenship, work with vulnerable students, pastoral care, and literacy and reading.

Above all, we are a family at Addey and Stanhope – a family that has the happiness, health and success of our students at the very heart of everything we do. We are rooted in our values of kindness, integrity, love, acceptance and respect. Our students are Addeyans for life: 'Once an Addeyan, always an Addeyan'.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Addeyans to join our exceptional school.

**Jan Shapiro, Headteacher**



# Bonus Pastor Catholic Academy

Winlaton Road, Bromley BR1 5PZ  
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Bonus Pastor is an award-winning Catholic Academy with a warm and caring ethos where every student is known and loved. We have a long history of excellent GCSE results and in October 2023 we were graded as 'Outstanding' in all categories by Ofsted. We were also awarded 'Outstanding' in our Catholic Schools Inspection in January 2024.

Our excellent teachers know their students well and ensure that their learning is carefully personalised.

Bonus Pastor is visionary, innovative and research engaged. Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do, and our curriculum is broad and balanced, ensuring that our students have the very best outcomes. Our innovative teaching and ability to react to the world around us has meant that our students are well prepared for the digital world, and we have committed to providing every student with a device. We have been recognised as certified Google trainers and were recently awarded Google Reference School status.

You only have to look at our weekly newsletters to see that the impressive achievements of our students are recognised and celebrated. Our thriving alumni, which includes a number of Lewisham Young Mayors and many Oxbridge graduates, continue to be engaged in the success of the school and our careers advice is exceptional. Student attendance is outstanding, and we are proud that every student goes on to a sixth form placement.

In 2023, Ofsted said 'The school's values of respect, responsibility and ambition are reflected in everything the school does. These values describe the day-to-day experience of every pupil perfectly.'

**Jonathan Ronan, Headteacher**



# Conisborough College

 Conisborough Crescent, Catford SE6 2SE  
 020 8461 9600



At Conisborough College, we are committed to making sure our young people benefit from a well-rounded education that encourages them to be lifelong learners.

We are pleased to have recently joined United Learning, the country's most well-established multi-academy Trust. In being part of the Group, we are working closely with academies from across its South-East London Cluster to continue taking our school from strength to strength.

Located between Catford and Downham, we are proud to serve a diverse community and strive to make sure we bring out the best in each and every one of our young people, both in the classroom and beyond.

Our excellent team of staff is dedicated to providing our young people with an ambitious curriculum so that they can develop the skills and knowledge they need to achieve well academically.

Importantly, we also want to make sure our young people have opportunities to develop their own interests and talents and take on new challenges. We therefore offer a wide-ranging extracurricular programme where students can access opportunities in the arts, music and sport.

Uniquely, we offer plenty of outdoor space for our young people, including an outdoor gym and astro turf, as well as a purpose-built drama studio and two music rooms fully equipped with Music IT.

This is an exciting time for us as a school and we warmly invite you to be a part of our vibrant community.

**Lucy Oragano, Interim Headteacher**



# Deptford Green School

Edward Street, London SE14 6AN  
020 8691 3236



I could not be prouder to be Headteacher of Deptford Green. We pride ourselves on being a diverse school with creativity and community at its heart. Our GREAT values (Growth; Respect; Equity; Accountability; Togetherness) underpin all that we do to ensure our students are happy and feel safe so that they can flourish with their learning in every subject.

As a school who champions the Arts, students are able to fully express themselves through a multitude of opportunities in the arts subjects but also through the plethora of student leadership and voice platforms we prioritise. Rewarding effort and participation is central to our pastoral programme alongside our outstanding pastoral wrap around provision including non-teaching pastoral leaders attached to each year group. Our Place2Be counsellors support fulltime in school alongside our first-class transition programme which enables our new year 7s to start school feeling confident and fully fledged integral members of our warm school community.



Academic progress is key to student success and opens many doors for our students in their future. Our focus on challenge for ALL results in lessons that are exciting and inspiring, promoting curiosity. We work closely with many academic partners including an opportunity for year 9s to study Latin at Colfe's school and visits to Oxford and Cambridge universities as part of the Brilliant Club programme.

Our aim is for our students to become powerful, expressive, resilient and confident people, who are ready to make a difference.

**Emma Thurston, Headteacher**



# Forest Hill School

 Dacres Road, Forest Hill SE23 2XN  
 020 8699 9343



Forest Hill School is a thriving and aspirational school providing high-quality education to boys aged 11 to 16 in a happy and safe environment. We are delighted that Ofsted agreed and judged us to be a 'Good' school in January 2024. We also have a highly successful joint sixth form provision with Sydenham School for male and female students.

Aspiring to Excellence Together is our school motto and it drives us to relentlessly pursue excellence in all aspects of school life. We have a very strong ethos which is underpinned by our core values of Hard Work, Ambition, Respect and Kindness. These values are interwoven throughout all aspects of our school's broad and balanced curriculum which was recognised by Ofsted as both 'ambitious' and 'beyond the scope of the National Curriculum'.

We were delighted with our students' GCSE results in 2023 – 25% of all grades awarded were the highest grades and a Progress 8 figure of +0.25 puts us ahead of all students nationally and significantly so for boys.



We place equal value on enrichment activities and opportunities outside the classroom, taking students on curriculum-related day trips as well as residential trips in the UK and abroad, and offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and free music lessons. Students are taught skills that they need to thrive in their future lives, including leadership, creativity, and resilience. We are delighted that a Forest Hill student was voted Deputy Young Mayor for Lewisham 2024.

I encourage you to come and see for yourselves what makes Forest Hill School such a special place.

**Michael Sullivan, Headteacher**



# Haberdashers' Hatcham College

 Pepys Road, New Cross SE14 5SF  
 020 7652 9510



Haberdashers' Hatcham College is an 11 to 18 secondary academy within the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South. Hatcham College has been educating the young people of London since 1876 and has a strong tradition of educational excellence and providing exceptional opportunities.

At Hatcham College students have unparalleled opportunities, and as a result they develop not only the academic excellence but the character, values and experience that will enable our young people to go on to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives. Our priority is to provide an engaging and inclusive learning environment that supports progress and success, whatever their starting points or background.

Students can apply for scholarships in music, mathematics, sport and art. Key Stage 3 students enjoy an elective subject each term which provides opportunities such as BMXing, DJing, various ancient and modern language, sport and academic options.

There are after-school academic, sporting and creative options that enable all our young people to explore new and existing interests and make new friends. Students are afforded unique opportunities due to our close working relationship with our chief benefactors, the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers.

Results in 2023 were well above the national average.



We are proud of our young people who work hard with, and are ably supported by staff to develop academic excellence. An education that develops not only qualifications but character, means they can go out into the world and help shape it for the better. A contemporary take on a traditional education allows our young people to aspire, achieve and be the best version of themselves.

**Katie Scott, Executive Principal**



[www.habsknights.org.uk](http://www.habsknights.org.uk)

# Haberdashers' Knights Academy

 Launcelot Road, Bromley BR1 5EB  
 020 8461 9240



Haberdashers' Knights Academy is a school at the heart of its community. We are part of the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South, which has been educating children in South-East London since 1876. We are committed to our vision of ensuring that our children get the best start in life 'to achieve their full potential personally, academically and socially'.

We achieve this vision through our shared 'ASPIRE' values of Accountability, Self-Discipline, Partnership, Integrity, Respect and Excellence, helping pupils to turn their ambitions into success. We have high expectations of our pupils, celebrating the success of the collective and each child as an individual, in equal measure. This means as well as maturing into well-rounded, healthy young people, our pupils develop their confidence, passion for learning and curiosity for life.

Our pupils progress to good universities and apprenticeships and in January, Ofsted judged that we continue to be a 'Good' school, enabling pupils to succeed through an engaging and stretching curriculum, high-quality teaching, and a vast range of extracurricular and culturally rich opportunities.

We instil moral values in our pupils, enabling them to contribute to our school community and the communities in which they live. Staff at Knights are proud that our school is a happy, supportive, and nurturing environment. That is why it is important to us to work in trusted partnership with our pupils and families.

It will be my privilege to work with you and your child along this exciting journey of their school career and to enable them to achieve their very best. I look forward to introducing you to our Knights' family community at our open evening.

**Dr Tesca Bennett, Executive Principal**



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[www.prendergast-school.com](http://www.prendergast-school.com)

# Prendergast School

Adelaide Avenue, Brockley SE4 1LE  
020 8690 3710



At Prendergast School, staff have been providing exceptional opportunities and education to every student for more than 130 years. We are an all-girls secondary school, with post-16 provision for both male and female students. There is a kind and caring ethos, and students and staff are proud to be part of the school. We are strong in science and technology, celebrate and promote creativity, with exceptional opportunities in music for our young people.

The school is set in the beautiful location of Hilly Fields, with a split site that contains a new build (including our science facilities) and a restored main building in the park. We have a wide curriculum, including creative subjects such as Music, Design & Technology, Textiles, and Art. We offer many extra-curricular opportunities and an extensive range of educational trips. You can see a variety of activities on our X (Twitter) account: @PrendergastSch1

Most importantly, your child's safety and happiness are key. We focus on wellbeing, and pride ourselves that students feel confident in school and thrive under our care.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



**Kelly Lovegrove, Headteacher**





[www.prendergast-ladywell.com](http://www.prendergast-ladywell.com)

# Prendergast Ladywell School

 Manwood Road, Brockley SE4 1SA  
 020 8690 1114



Prendergast Ladywell School is a co-educational, 4 to 16 school where young people from our local community are provided with an excellent education that enables them to achieve outstanding outcomes in a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. We are a school that CARES; where Community, Ambition, Resilience, Effort and Success are valued. Reflective and kind students are led by well trained teachers and professional support staff.

We believe that all our students can Achieve Excellence; it's the motto written on the badge of every student in the school. Prendergast Ladywell School provides an excellent education with high quality teaching and a challenging and creative curriculum that enables students' progress and provides a range of enrichment activities. Our students are encouraged to make positive contributions to our school, our community, and become healthy, happy, and engaged members of society.

Our ethos is underpinned by the relationships that the members of our community have with each other. These relationships are built on the foundation of compassion, equity, and mutual respect so that every member of our community has a sense of belonging and are free to develop into the best versions of themselves. Part of the Leathersellers' Federation of schools we contribute to and benefit from the collaboration and support our family of schools provide. The forthcoming years at our school will be incredibly exciting. We warmly invite you to be part of our community.

**Niall Hand, Headteacher**



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# Prendergast Vale School

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Welcome to Prendergast Vale School, an all-through school in the heart of Lewisham for children from the ages of 3 to 16. Our aim is for every student who leaves this school to be on the path to university leading to successful careers with good prospects. We are building a family at Prendergast Vale School with academic excellence at the heart of everything we do. We're part of the Leathersellers' Federation of Schools, and our greatest strength lies in our exceptional educators, who are dedicated to fostering a truly inclusive and nurturing community.



To make this happen, we ensure that the academic excellence and social development of every student is at the heart of what we do. Not only should students have well regarded qualifications when they leave school but they will also acquire character traits that will enable them to be successful in life. We believe happy, confident children blossom, so we offer individualised attention and personalised support within our small, supportive environment.

Traits such as optimism, resilience and confidence are developed throughout all subjects and through extracurricular activities. We are a very special community; as our school motto says 'in perpetuum discimus' - we are forever learning and we welcome your child continuing their learning in our family. We're more than a school; we're building a family where each student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

**Edmund Coogan, Headteacher**



# St Matthew Academy

 St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath SE3 0XX  
 020 8853 6250



At St Matthew Academy, within our inclusive caring Catholic community, we pursue excellence in all that we do. Our unique, rich offer supports pupils to become happy, successful and confident learners. We were delighted that Ofsted agreed with us when they visited in 2019 and judged us as a 'good' school.

Our March 2023 denominational inspection confirmed we are on the way to becoming a truly great school – as the report shows: “The behaviour of pupils is exemplary in lessons and around the school, and strong and positive relationships are evident throughout the school.”

We are incredibly ambitious for every pupil. We are committed to ensuring that they excel academically and have enriching experiences equipping them for life. We promise to nurture faith, cultivate ambition, and discover talents, ensuring we build on foundations learned in primary school and develop the skills needed for success in our modern world.

We offer opportunities for pupils to enhance their academic and personal development, including our Media and Communication and Sporting Brilliance scholarships and Grammar + pathways. We support each pupil through consistent pastoral care, our motto, 'let your light shine', comes from the Gospel of Matthew and captures our belief in the unique quality and ability of every child.



I am proud to be Headteacher at St Matthew Academy and of our hard-working and self-assured pupils, dedicated staff and the strong working relationship with parents and carers that we benefit from. I look forward to meeting you at an open event or our doors are always open for a tour of the school with some pupil ambassadors at a time that suits you.

**James Potter, Headteacher**



[www.sedgehillacademy.org.uk](http://www.sedgehillacademy.org.uk)

# Sedgehill Academy

 Sedgehill Road, Catford SE6 3QW  
 020 8698 8911



At Sedgehill Academy, we provide a good local school and are proud of the progress we have made since becoming part of United Learning.

Academic achievement is our priority and we have high aspirations for every student. We offer education in a warm and supportive environment, uniting high academic achievement with development of character. We support our students to achieve the qualifications needed to open doors to university, training and employment, and gain skills that will set them apart from others. We offer a wide range of subjects, through a rich, broad and challenging curriculum.



At Sedgehill, we believe there is more to a good education than just academic success. We aim to develop character, compassion and service. We want students to try things they haven't done before, to persist in the face of difficulty and to become resilient. We are proud of the culture of kindness and respect that we have created through our academy values of hard work, kindness, integrity and excellence. Our Academy is inclusive and welcoming, we value and respect students of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities.

Our students benefit from an education which inspires and excites our students and helps them develop into happy, confident and successful young adults. Our sports, drama, art and music facilities are state-of-the-art, and all students in years 7 to 9 have the chance to learn a musical instrument as part of the prestigious Music in Secondary Schools Programme which we have been a part of since it was founded.

**Clare Cassidy, Headteacher**



# Sydenham School

 Dartmouth Road, Sydenham SE26 4RD  
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Sydenham School has been a girls' school of choice since 1917. We are a diverse, inclusive, and oversubscribed school with a thriving joint co-educational sixth form SFH6. We offer a wide range of courses and progression routes with outcomes and destinations for our students that are well above the national average.

Our motto is 'Aim High' and we are ambitious for every one of our students. High academic outcomes are attainable for everyone through our core values which are ambition, determination and respect. We combine high quality teaching with an inclusive and broad curriculum, enabling our students to develop into academically successful, open-minded young people with a sense of community.

Beyond the classroom we offer an exciting, comprehensive, enrichment programme with a wide range of opportunities, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, extracurricular clubs and a wide range of educational visits. We believe that we can enrich the experience and unlock the potential in all our students.



Our students' mental health and wellbeing is key, and we actively support each student through our strong pastoral provision. We have excellent facilities, including state of the art STEM buildings from a £24 million rebuild. We are committed to developing our students in the Performing and Visual Arts, Humanities and Languages, providing opportunities to develop confidence, creative skills and global awareness.

We warmly welcome you to visit us.

**Emma Wijnberg, Headteacher**



# Trinity Church of England School

 Taunton Road, Lee SE12 8PD  
 020 8852 3191



At Trinity, we are passionate about providing the very best education for each and every one of our pupils. We believe that every child has the potential to achieve excellence, and we are dedicated to nurturing their unique talents and passions through our rich and varied curriculum.

Our commitment extends beyond just academic success. We value the development of the whole child, and our character education programme helps our pupils become caring, open-minded, reflective, courageous, and resilient adults - ready to take on the challenges of the rapidly changing world.

We have high expectations of our pupils, both academically and personally. We support them in acquiring the knowledge and skills they need to succeed, while also encouraging them to develop their creativity, curiosity and critical thinking. We allow them to express their opinions and ideas with confidence and respect and celebrate their achievements, while providing constructive feedback to help them grow.

Trinity School is a place that welcomes and respects people of all faiths and none. We foster a culture of tolerance and understanding, where everyone can feel valued and included. We also promote a strong sense of social responsibility and global citizenship, inspiring our pupils to contribute positively to their local and wider communities.

I am truly proud of our Trinitarians, and warmly invite you to join our amazing family. Together, we will embark on a journey of learning, discovery, and personal growth - unlocking the full potential of every child and create a vibrant and diverse community of learners, where lives are transformed and futures built.

**David Lucas, Executive Headteacher**



## Open days (continued from back page)

### Haberdashers' Hatcham College

habshatcham.org.uk • 020 7652 9500  
tbc

### Haberdashers' Knights Academy

habsknights.org.uk • 020 8461 9240

#### Open evening

Wednesday 25 September time tbc

### Prendergast School

prendergast-school.com • 020 8690 3710

#### Open mornings:

Monday 9 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 10 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 12 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 19 September 9.15–10.30am

#### Open evenings:

Tuesday 17 September (Music event) 5–6pm

Tuesday 17 September 6–8pm

#### Virtual open evening:

Wednesday 25 September 6–7pm

### Prendergast Ladywell School

prendergast-ladywell.com • 020 8690 1114

#### Open mornings:

Thursday 12 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 17 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 19 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 24 September 9.15–10.30am

#### Open evenings:

Tuesday 10 September 6–8pm

Thursday 19 September (virtual) 6–7pm

### Prendergast Vale School

prendergast-vale.com • 020 8297 3540

#### Open mornings:

Wednesday 11 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 13 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 16 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 18 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 20 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 23 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 25 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 26 September 9.15–10.30am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 26 September 6–8pm

#### Virtual open evening:

Monday 23 September 6–7pm

### St Matthew Academy

stmatthewacademy.co.uk • 020 8853 6250

#### Open mornings:

Tuesday 17 September 9.15–10.45am

Thursday 19 September 9.15–10.45am

Tuesday 1 October 9.15–10.45am

Wednesday 2 October 9.15–10.45am

Wednesday 16 October 9.15–10.45am

#### Open afternoons:

Wednesday 18 September 1.15–2.45pm

Thursday 3 October 1.15–2.45pm

#### Open evening:

Tuesday 24 September 4.30pm–7pm

Sedgehill Academy

sedgehillacademy.org.uk • 020 8698 8911

#### Open mornings:

Friday 27 September 9–10am

Tuesday 1 October 9–10am

Friday 4 October 9–10am

Tuesday 8 October 9–10am

Friday 11 October 9–10am

Tuesday 15 October 9–10am

Friday 18 October 9–10am

Tuesday 22 October 9–10am

Friday 25 October 9–10am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 26 September 6–8pm

### Sydenham School

sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 6731

#### Open mornings:

Thursday 12 September 9.15–10.40am

Tuesday 17 September 9.15–10.40am

Tuesday 24 September 9.15–10.40am

Wednesday 2 October 9.15–10.40am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 19 September 4–7pm

### Trinity Church of England School Lewisham

trinitylewisham.org.uk • 020 8852 3191

#### Open day:

Saturday 21 September 9.30–11.30am

#### Open mornings:

Tuesday 17 September 9.30–10.30am

Tuesday 24 September 9.30–10.30am

Tuesday 1 October 9.30–10.30am

Thursday 17 October 9.30–10.30am

Tuesday 22 October 9.30–10.30am

# Important dates

Important dates for the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2025.

<b>September and October 2024</b>	→	<b>Schools open for visits</b>
<b>Monday 2 September 2024</b>	→	<b>Applications open</b> <i>(apply online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a>)</i>
<b>Thursday 31 October 2024</b> <i>(we recommend you submit your online application by Tuesday 24 October 2024)</i>	→	<b>Closing date for applications</b>
<b>Monday 3 March 2025</b>	→	<b>Application results</b>
<b>Friday 14 March 2025</b>	→	<b>Deadline for accepting your offer</b>
<b>June/July 2025</b>	→	<b>Independent appeals heard</b>

## Open days

Secondary schools are currently planning to run physical open events and tours this autumn. You may need to book a place, so it is important to check the school websites and/or contact the school directly.

### Addey & Stanhope School

as.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8305 6100

#### Open mornings:

Thursday 19 September 9–10.45am

Tuesday 24 September 9–10.45am

Thursday 26 September 9–10.45am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 3 October 5–8pm

### Bonus Pastor Catholic College

bonuspastor.co.uk • 020 8695 2100

#### Open mornings:

Monday 23 September 9.15–11.45am

Tuesday 24 September 9.15–11.45am

Wednesday 25 September 9.15–11.45am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 19 September 6.30pm and 7.30pm

### Conisborough College

conisboroughcollege.co.uk • 020 8461 9600

#### Open mornings:

Every Friday between 20 September to 13

December, 9–10am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 26 September 5–7pm

### Deptford Green School

deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8691 3236

#### Open mornings:

Monday 16 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 17 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 23 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 24 September 9.15–10.30am

#### Open evening:

Thursday 19 September: 5–7.30pm

### Forest Hill School

foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 9343

#### Open mornings

Thursday 26 September 9–10.30am

Friday 27 September 9–10.30am

Thursday 3 October 9–10.30am

Friday 4 October 9–10.30am

#### Open evening

Monday 23 September 6–8pm

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