

# Admission to Secondary School in September 2021

Please note this is last year's booklet. This year's is not yet available on the website but when it is it will look a lot like this.



# Timetable 2020/2021

- Autumn 2020 – visits to secondary schools
- **31st October 2020** – closing date for applications
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – offer available online
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – deadline for accepting the offer
- Appeal hearings – May/June 2021

# Greenwich Schools

## Local schools

Crown Woods

Harris Academy Falconwood

Harris Academy Greenwich

# How to Apply

- Apply online – 24 hours/day
- Common Application Form
- Greenwich residents can obtain a paper copy from the website  
[Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions](http://Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions)
- Non-Greenwich residents must apply to their local council

# How to apply

Proof of address must be attached if you are not registered to pay council tax

- council tax letter
- tenancy agreement
- mortgage statement
- utility bill less than 3 months old (i.e. dated after 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

# Application Forms

- List all six schools in order of preference
- If you are applying for a place at St Mary Magdalene CofE School, St Paul's Academy, St Thomas More Catholic School or St Ursula's Convent School, a **supplementary information form** needs to be completed and returned to the school by 31<sup>st</sup> October
- If you are applying for Leigh Academy, Stationers' Crown Woods and Halley Academy you will **need to organise for your child to complete the schools banding tests.**

# Grammar Schools

- The children must complete the Bexley tests (Bexley, Beths, Chis and Sid, Townley)
- They are verbal reasoning, verbal non-reasoning and numerical reasoning
- Children are not prepared for these in state schools so you will need to give them some practice at home. WH Smiths/online
- The test takes place fairly early in the autumn term. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THESE by 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

# Listing your preferred schools

- **All** schools (including Bexley schools/grammar schools) should go onto the form **except** independent/private schools



# Admissions criteria

## Admission criteria

The admission criteria set out below applies to the following schools:

Bitham Hill School

The John Roan

Plumstead Manor School

Royal Greenwich Trust School

Thomas Tallis School

First priority will go to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school. Remaining places will be given in the following priority order:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children who have been adopted or become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.

A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of an English or Welsh local authority in accordance with section 22 (a) of the Children Act 1989.

- 2) Children, or an immediate family member, with a chronic medical condition or social care need for a particular school.

Applicants need to set out the reasons why the school can best meet needs and the implications for the child or immediate family member if a place was not obtained at the school. Evidence of the condition or need must be submitted with the application, such as a letter from a registered health professional or practitioner i.e. a doctor or social worker. The family member must live at the same address as the child. Further details of the documentation required are on page 55.

Work commitments and childcare arrangements are not considered as being a social care need.

- 3) Children with a sibling, living at the same address, attending the school at the time of the child's admission.

Sibling means a full/ half/ step/ adopted/ foster brother or sister. This does not include siblings attending a school's Post 16 provision.

- 4) Other children based on home to school distance.

Distance from home to school is measured as a straight line from the centre of the home address to the centre of the school site.

In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under any of the above criteria, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school.

Should two or more applicants live an equal distance from the school, including instances where more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation.

The schools that use different admission arrangements are:

The Greenwich Free School

The Halley Academy

Harris Academy Greenwich

International Academy of Greenwich

Leigh Academy Blackheath

St Mary Magdalene CE School

St Paul's Academy

St Thomas More Catholic School

St Ursula's Convent School

Stationers' Crown Woods Academy

Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys

Woolwich Polytechnic School for Girls

A summary of each school's arrangements is given below. However, we recommend that you contact the school to obtain full details of the admission arrangements.

First priority will go to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school.

Distance from home to school is measured as a straight line from the centre of the home address to the centre of the school site.

If distinctions have to be made between children in a single category, they will be made on the grounds of distance from the school.

Should two or more applicants live an equal distance from the school, including instances where more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation.

The following schools use a banding system based on the results of a general ability assessment:

- The Halley Academy
- Leigh Academy Blackheath
- Stationers' Crown Woods Academy

These schools will divide their total number of Year 7 places into five bands with the aim of providing a balanced intake of children of differing abilities.

Your child will be placed in one of five bands, depending on their score in a test. Those with the highest scores will be in band 1 and those with the lowest in band 5. It is not possible to 'pass' or 'fail' the test, and the band a child is placed in will not guarantee an offer of a place at a preferred school.

Please contact the schools directly to obtain further details, including testing arrangements.

# Further information

- Greenwich Admissions Section:  
(020) 8921 8043
- Head of School Adam Wilson

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Deadline for applications  
is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020