

Moving on to  
Secondary School  
2017-8

Cherry Tree Primary School

Information Evening for  
Parents of Year 4 and 5

# Types of Secondary School

**Maintained schools** are funded by the government through the local authority and do not charge fees

**Community and Voluntary Controlled** - admission rules set by HCC

**Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools** - the governing body is the admission authority for these schools and set the admissions rules

**Academies** - are funded directly by government. Their governors set the admission rules.

**Free Schools** - are funded directly by government and set their own admission rules.

**Private Schools** - these are not funded by the government and charge a fee

# Timing

To be announced for 2017/18 - last year the timings were:

**September:** online system opens

**September/October:** schools hold their open events - important to visit as many as possible

**End of Oct:** deadline to submit application

**December:** last date for late applications

**March:** Allocation Day - online applications will receive an email, posted applications will receive a letter

**March:** Continuing Interest lists created  
last date for accepting the place or for registering an appeal

**Mid March:** first Continuing Interest run will take place

**Mid April:** second (and final) continuing interest run

**Late April:** notification of results

**April - June:** Appeals to be heard

**May to August:** places will be filled from continuing interest lists as and when vacancies occur

# Criteria for offering places

These change from school to school depending on their admissions rules.

Every school will publish their criteria so check their individual websites.

HCC will usually provide online information in September

# SEN and CLA

Children with Statement of Special Educational Need or Education Health Care Plan and Children Looked After (those in Care or with Foster parents) are allocated secondary school places through a separate process.

# Distance

[www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england](http://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england)

Francis Combe - 1.24 miles

Parmiters - 1.62 miles

Watford UTC – 1.7 miles

Watford Boys - 1.88 miles

Watford Girls - 2.03 miles

Queens - 2.19 mile

Westfield - 2.43 miles

Bushey Academy - 2.85 miles

Bushey Meads - 3.27 miles

Rickmansworth - 3.35 miles

# South West Herts Schools Consortium

- Bushey Meads
- Parmiters
- Queens
- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Watford Boys
- Watford Girls
- Croxley Danes

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South West Herts  
Schools Consortium





# Entrance Tests

Testing takes place during September

Registration for tests – Online via Consortium  
Schools [www.swhertsschools.org.uk](http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk)

**Must** register **this term** between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

A letter with more information has already been  
emailed out to parents/carers

# Tests 2017

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - test venue notified

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Academic test

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Music aptitude test

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** -  
Queens' School sports aptitude test

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** - Bushey Meads  
technology aptitude test

**w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Start of second  
round music tests

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - scores notified to parents

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - school application  
deadline

# Consortium Schools

- Parents will be allocated a test centre, based on postcode, by 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This has absolutely no bearing on their eventual secondary school preference.
- Parents will be notified of the test scores before applications close
- Make sure that your child is eligible for a place at a preferred school under that school's admission criteria.

# Application

- Use all preferences
- Test scores will be notified to parents on 16<sup>th</sup> October. These can be compared online with results/allocations from previous year.
- Think realistically about how likely you are to be offered a place at a particular school before you apply for it
- Read the admission criteria
- Many schools require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), return these direct to the school
- Consider how your child will get to school
- Consider your child's opinion

# DO

- **Make time to visit the school with your child - visits take place throughout September/October**
- **Ask question about anything that interests/worries you**
- **Talk to the Headteacher of the school about your child**

# DO NOT

- Think that good exam results are the only important things
- Judge a school just by what others say - go and see for yourself

GOOD LUCK!