



Year 5 Parent Meeting

Year 6 to Year 7

June 2022

Wandsworth Council offers you a wide variety of secondary schools. There are various types of school, and within these there are also different types of places available.

Types of school:

● **Academy**

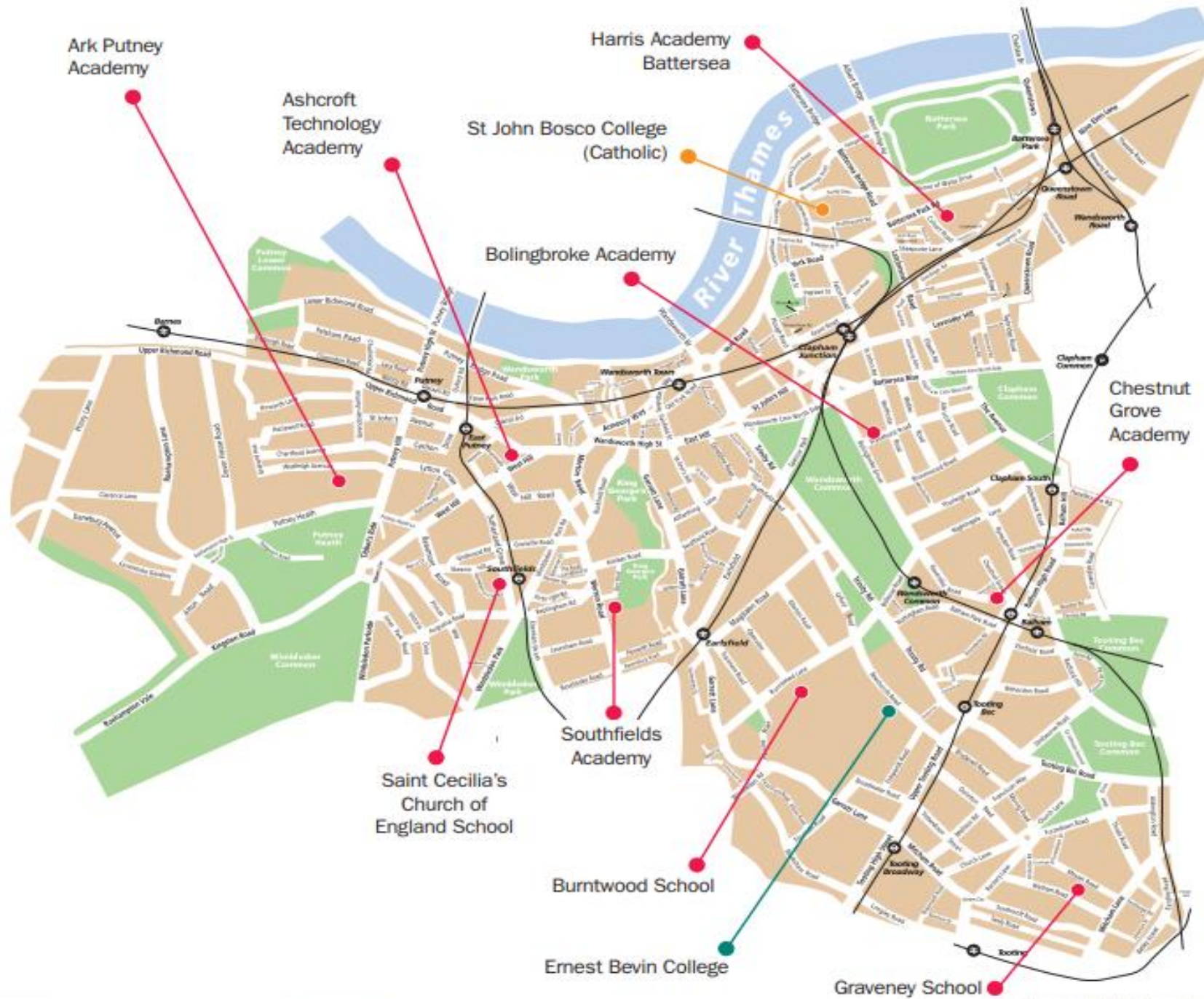
A state funded independent school where the governors are responsible for the admissions policy.

● **Community school**

A school or college where the council is responsible for the admissions policy.

● **Voluntary Aided school**

A faith school or college where the governors are responsible for the admissions policy.



Type of school - non-selective state secondary schools



The admissions for the following schools are decided in a similar way to primary schools (looked after children, SEND & EHCP, siblings & distance):

- Ark Putney
- Bolingbroke
- Chestnut Grove
- Harris Battersea
- St Cecilia's
- St John Bosco
- Southfields

Year 5 parents would need to apply by October 2022 for one of these schools.



Type of school - selective state secondary schools

In Wandsworth there are different types of selective state secondary school (see below). Pupils will be required to sit the Wandsworth Year 6 Test (Autumn 2022).

- **Banding:** Wandsworth Test results are divided into 5 equal groups and 20% of places from each group or band (Ashcroft & Chestnut Grove)
- **Selective:** Some places are offered based on the highest Wandsworth Test scores (Burntwood, Ernest Bevin & Graveney)
- **Specialist:** Additional assessments are required in certain subjects (Ashcroft, St Cecilia's & Chestnut Grove)

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Type of school - independent (private) schools

- In and around Wandsworth there are also **independent (private) schools**.
- These schools compile their own entrance exams or require an 11+ exam.
- We advise even if you are thinking independent you should still sit your child for the Wandsworth Test.
- *Year 5 parents would need to check the website of the individual school for their admissions dates.*



Independent schools

- You can apply for as many independent schools as you wish, but think about what your child can manage.
- All applications are treated individually by the school.
- Children can receive a number of independent school offers at the same time as the one state school offer.
- School arrangements and procedures vary from school to school.
- Apply directly to each school - check websites for dates/ phone to request prospectus.
- Scholarships are available for particular subjects and / or general ability - check what will be required of your child, what happens to the place if things change.
- Bursaries are available for families within a certain income bracket.
- This is a more subjective process - tests, interviews (even parents), references, auditions and assessment days are used to decide places.



The Secondary Transition - Key Points

We advise parents to...

...understand the catchment and what is available realistically as a choice.

...be aware that there is always the option of a waiting list and 'in/out' pupil movement does frequently occur.

...consider the travel implications and the costs/time involved with return journeys to and from school.

...to narrow your options to a maximum of 3 schools if you wish to apply to an independent school.



The Secondary Transition - FAQs

- **How do I know which school is right for my child?**

Please visit (either in school or a virtual tour) all the schools you are considering as this will help to inform your choice. We will always advise parents to consider where their child will be happy so try to get a 'feel' for the school where possible.

- **When should I start looking for a school?**

There are plenty of open days for state and independent schools throughout the year. Schools often post video tours on their website.



The Secondary Transition - FAQs

- Which state schools are available to us in the area?

The schools are all listed on www.wandsworth.gov.uk website including the information about the state schools that require children to sit the Year 6 test.

- What else should I consider when conducting research about secondary schools?

- ✓ Websites
- ✓ Contact schools for prospectus
- ✓ Admission criteria (applicants vs places)
- ✓ Curriculum aims/ethos
- ✓ Activities offered
- ✓ Ofsted/performance tables
- ✓ Distance/travel costs
- ✓ Talk to your child (every child is different)
- ✓ 'Visit' as many schools as you can



When Offers are Made You can:

- Accept the place by returning the reply slip (if you decide to reject the place it may not be re-offered).
- Find out more about why your child was not offered a particular place and their position on the waiting list by calling pupil services.
- Keep your child on the waiting list for a higher preference but may not be offered this place. Places on the waiting list are held until September.
- Decide to appeal - the deadline for this will be included in the offer letter
- Make a late application to schools not on your original list or lower placed than your offer



Useful Links

- Wandsworth Admissions

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

- Choose a secondary school brochure

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/9381/choose_a_wandsworth_secondary_school.pdf

- Wandsworth FAQs

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/10405/transfer_to_secondary_school_2022_faq.pdf