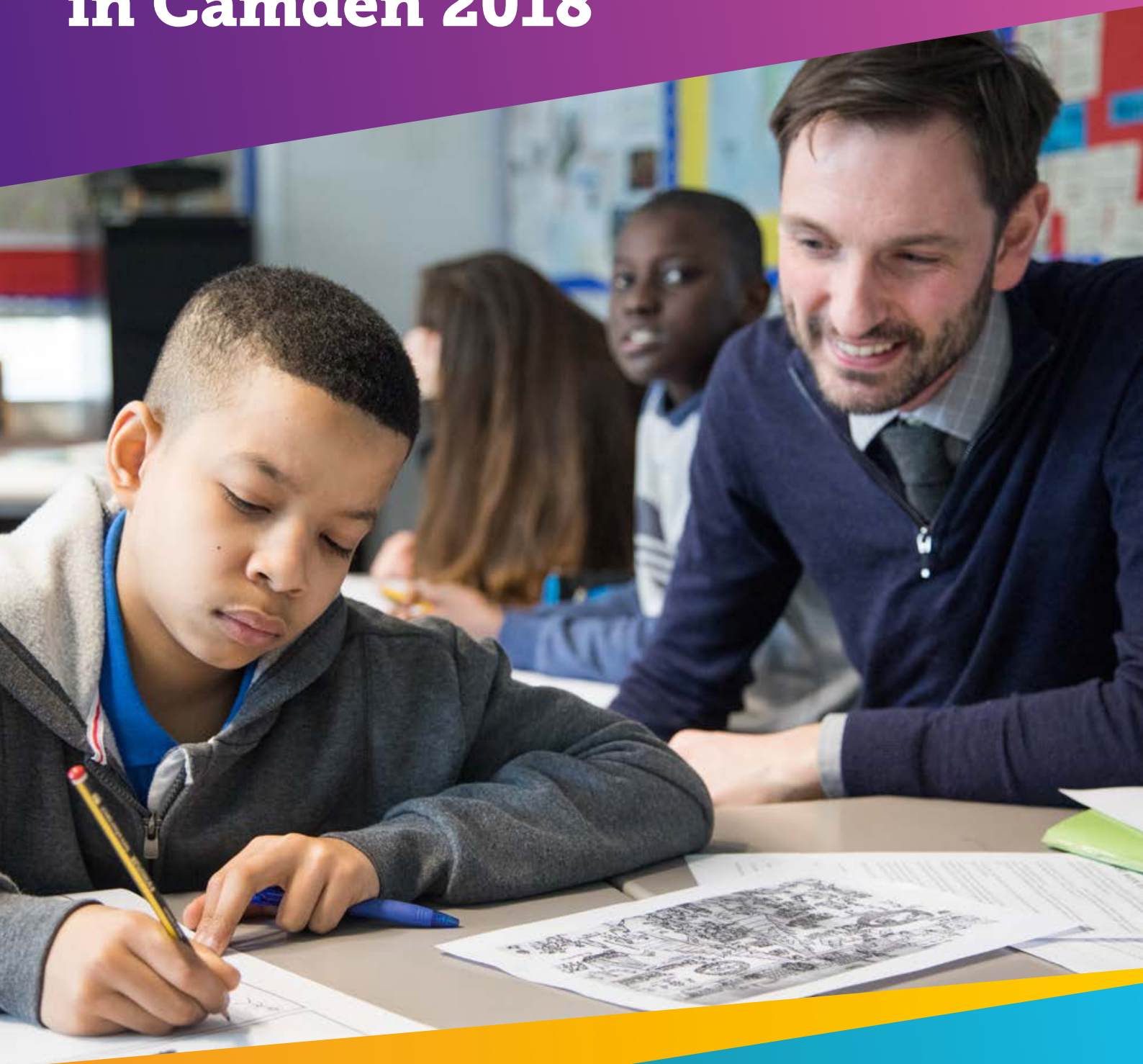


# Learn Achieve Aspire Secondary Schools in Camden 2018



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**Applying for a secondary school  
place for September 2018**

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2017



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# Camden schools – bright futures



**Camden schools:**  
**Bright futures**

*Dear parents and carers,*

We are proud of Camden's secondary schools. Like Camden itself, our schools are vibrant and diverse, offering a tremendous range of opportunities to help prepare their students for successful futures. We believe there is nowhere else in London where young people can receive such an excellent, individual education.

This is because each of our secondary schools offers a unique combination of high quality teaching, a prime location in the heart of London and valuable partnerships with world-class businesses, academic institutions and cultural organisations.

This booklet gives you an overview of Camden's secondary schools, highlighting the excellent education they offer and their unique individual strengths. It also gives you an introduction to the superb range of extracurricular activities on offer across Camden that will help your child learn, achieve and aspire.

The booklet is primarily aimed at families of children transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2018 and it explains how to apply. There is also information for those considering a transfer between schools, as well as details on each of our secondary schools on pages 22 to 51.



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Camden Council

# Camden schools – bright futures

We are proud of the education we offer in Camden.

- Camden has some of the highest achieving schools in inner London
- GCSE results in the borough as a whole were above the national average in 2016
- All schools have high aspirations for their students, offer the full National Curriculum plus other areas of study and have a strong record of pastoral care and discipline.

**Turn to page 3 for more information about the unique opportunities available to all Camden students. As well as reading this guide, we recommend that you:**

- Contact the schools for their prospectuses or look at their websites, and visit them on their open days and evenings (dates and times, page 5). You will be able to meet the headteacher, speak to members of staff and students and get a feel for the school's working environment and ethos
- Come to the 'Moving On' event for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils on 14 September 2017 at the Camden Centre (see back page for details)
- Come to a Meet the Parents forum – see [www.meettheparents.info/latest-events](http://www.meettheparents.info/latest-events) for details
- Talk to your child's primary school headteacher
- Plan a possible journey to school at [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)
- Visit [www.gov.uk/dfc](http://www.gov.uk/dfc) (click 'school performance tables' link)
- Go to [ofsted.gov.uk](http://ofsted.gov.uk) for the latest Ofsted reports; and
- Visit [parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to see how other parents rate the school.

Camden secondary schools have strong links with our excellent primary schools, recognised by Ofsted as among the best in the country overall. As part of this relationship, they will be visiting primary pupils and parents in the autumn term and your child's headteacher will have more details of these sessions.

If you do not live in the borough but would like your child to attend a Camden school, please contact your home local authority's admissions team (see page 53) or your child's primary headteacher.

Camden school places are popular so please make sure your application is completed properly and on time. The deadline to apply for places for September next year is **31 October 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact your child's primary headteacher or the Council's Admissions Team by emailing [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk). You can also call them on **020 7974 1625** or visit our website at [camden.gov.uk/admissions](http://camden.gov.uk/admissions).

We are confident that whichever Camden secondary school you decide is best for your child you will be delighted with the progress they make, the opportunities they enjoy, the quality of education they receive and the successes they achieve.



# Camden secondary schools – learn, achieve, aspire

**Camden has 10 secondary schools, all individual in their ethos and values but each committed to providing the highest standards of education for young people.**

The borough offers three types of schools: community, voluntary aided schools – including two Roman Catholic schools – and an academy. We have four single sex schools – including three girls' schools and one boys' school – and six mixed-sex schools.

Each of the Camden secondary schools also offer excellent Sixth Form provision, to give young people the best possible preparation for university, apprenticeships or work. More details can be found throughout this booklet and on page 21.

Many of our schools are oversubscribed so it is important that you use as many of your six preferences as possible. However, please don't list any school more than once (see page 13).

Please see the schools' pages for detailed information on each of our schools (pages 22 to 51). More information about each school – including exam results, Ofsted reports, dress code or uniform costs – is available from the DfE and Ofsted websites ([gov.uk/dfes](http://gov.uk/dfes) and [ofsted.gov.uk](http://ofsted.gov.uk)) and the school itself.

For information about schools in other boroughs, please contact the relevant local authority for their secondary transfer booklet or the schools directly. The contact details of other local authorities are on page 53.



## **Camden – a borough of unique opportunities for all students**

- The partnership between Camden's Sixth Forms and Cambridge University helps boost student entries to top universities
- Strengthened links with local prestigious universities and many other local world-class institutions, including the British Museum, the British Library and the Francis Crick Institute, enriches the education provision for Camden secondary students
- Excellent range of arts, sports, other extracurricular and career-related opportunities, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and exciting work placements with leading central London companies

- Camden Music Service organises instrumental and vocal tuition in most Camden schools plus borough ensembles, choirs, two Saturday music centres and an instrument hire and purchase scheme for parents
- Spectacular Camden Schools Music Festival held at the Royal Albert Hall every two years.

Camden promotes the best vocational and technical training opportunities for 14 to 19 year-olds, in close partnership with schools, the local Westminster Kingsway further education college and specialist training organisations, as well as offering, supporting and promoting a wide range of apprenticeships.

# School locations



School name	Map ref	School type	Gender	2018 published admission number
Acland Burghley School	1	Community	Mixed	182*
Camden School for Girls	2	Voluntary Aided	Girls	120
Hampstead School	3	Community	Mixed	210
Haverstock School	4	Community	Mixed	210
La Sainte Union Catholic	5	RC Voluntary Aided	Girls	180
Maria Fidelis Lower	6	RC Voluntary Aided	Mixed	150
Maria Fidelis Upper	7			
Parliament Hill School	8	Community	Girls	180
Regent High School	9	Community	Mixed	180
UCL Academy	10	Academy	Mixed	180
William Ellis School	11	Voluntary Aided	Boys	130

\*Including 4 places in resource base for students with autism --- Camden borough boundary

# Open events 2017

	<b>Acland Burghley School</b> Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8515 <a href="http://www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk">www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Wednesday 27 September, 6pm to 8pm 25, 26, 27 and 28 September, 9am to 10.30am LaSWAP: Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or <a href="http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk">www.laswap.camden.sch.uk</a> for details)
	<b>Camden School for Girls</b> Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414 <a href="http://www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk">www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Monday 18 September 2017, 6pm 13 and 15 September 2017, 9am Tuesday 21 November 2017
	<b>Hampstead School</b> Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT 020 7794 8133 <a href="http://www.hampsteadschool.org.uk">www.hampsteadschool.org.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 21 September 2017, 5.30pm 19 and 26 September, 3, 10 and 17 October, 9am Thursday 23 November, 6pm
	<b>Haverstock School</b> 24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ 020 7267 0975 <a href="http://www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk">www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Wednesday 4 October, 5pm to 7pm 10, 11 and 12 October, 9.30 to 11am Please contact us to arrange a one-to-one tour. Email: <a href="mailto:office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk">office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk</a>
	<b>La Sainte Union</b> Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4600 <a href="http://www.lsu.camden.sch.uk">www.lsu.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open afternoons Sixth Form	Thursday 21 September, 4pm to 7pm 27 September and 12 October, 2pm to 3.30pm Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or <a href="http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk">www.laswap.camden.sch.uk</a> )
	<b>Maria Fidelis School FCJ</b> North Gower Street, London NW1 2LY 020 7387 2359 <a href="http://www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk">www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 5 October 2017, 4pm 9.30am to 10.30am every Tuesday (term-time) at the Lower School Thursday 9 November, 4 to 6pm at the Upper School
	<b>Parliament Hill School</b> Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL 020 7485 7077 <a href="http://www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk">www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 28 September, 5 to 7.30pm 3, 4 and 5 October, 9 to 11am Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or <a href="http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk">www.laswap.camden.sch.uk</a> )
	<b>Regent High School</b> Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126 <a href="http://www.regenthighschool.org.uk">www.regenthighschool.org.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 12 October 2017, 4.30 to 7.30pm Most Wednesdays throughout the year and 18, 26 September, 6 and 19 October, 9am to 10.30am 9 November 2017, 4pm to 6.30pm Taster Evening: 18 January 2018, 4pm to 6pm
	<b>The UCL Academy</b> Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080 <a href="http://www.uclacademy.co.uk">www.uclacademy.co.uk</a>	Open evening Open day Sixth Form	Tuesday 3 October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm Wednesday 11 October at 11.15am to 1pm Tuesday 7 November, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
	<b>William Ellis School</b> Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN 020 7267 9346 <a href="http://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk">www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk</a>	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 28 September, 6 to 8pm 3, 4 and 5 October, 9 to 10.30am Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or <a href="http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk">www.laswap.camden.sch.uk</a> )

## Camden Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils

Thursday 14 September, from 3.30 to 6.30pm

The Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross, London WC1H 9AU  
Register at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) (search for 'Camden Moving On')

# Key dates

## 2017

<b>August</b>	New admissions booklet published
<b>1 September</b>	Online applications open at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a>
<b>14 September</b>	Moving On to secondary school event. See back page for details
<b>September/October</b>	Parents and their children visit secondary schools on open days arranged by the individual schools Parents discuss preferences with Camden primary school headteachers
<b>Noon on 19 September</b>	Camden School for Girls deadline to register for banding assessment tests and apply for a music place
<b>20 October</b>	Maria Fidelis supplementary information form deadline
<b>23 to 27 October</b>	Half-term *
<b>31 October</b>	<b>Final closing date for applications and changes to preferences</b> and final deadline for La Sainte Union supplementary information form
<b>17 November</b>	La Sainte Union deadline for parents to provide copies of the child's Baptismal Certificate, together with the parents' Certificate of Catholic Practice
<b>19 December</b>	End of autumn term *

## 2018

<b>3 January</b>	First day of spring term
<b>12 to 16 February</b>	Half term *
<b>Thursday 1 March</b>	<b>Camden Council informs applicants who live in Camden of the outcome of ALL applications to schools in or outside the borough within the co-ordinated scheme. If you applied online, you will receive an email with the outcome of your application during the evening</b>
<b>15 March</b>	Deadline for the return of the accept or decline reply slip
<b>29 March</b>	Closing date for submitting appeals for Camden community schools. Parents appealing to other local authorities or voluntary aided/foundation schools must check the deadline for submitting appeals with those authorities/schools
<b>30 March to 13 April</b>	Spring holiday *
<b>June – July</b>	Appeal hearings for Camden community schools
<b>September</b>	Children start secondary school

\* Some Camden schools have different term dates.  
Please check the relevant school website for further information.

# Applying online

From September 2017, parents of children living in Camden can apply online for their child to transfer from Year 6 to secondary school in 2018 at:

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

This online form is only for children born between 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007.

**We strongly advise parents to apply for a school place online – last year 97% of parents did so.** If you have problems with this, please talk to your primary school or email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk).

## What are the advantages?

- Safe, quick and easy
- Allows you to change your information online rather than using a new form
- You can check and change your application at any point until the closing date
- A drop-down schools list helps to minimise errors and saves you time
- You can print out a paper copy of your application if you need it for reference
- A password protected system gives you guaranteed confidentiality and privacy
- Your forms will not get lost in the post
- You can easily log on at home, work, a café with wi-fi or at a library.

**Using the internet at a Camden library is free. Prior booking is recommended.**

## What is the deadline?

The deadline for online applications is midnight on **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.

## How will I know if my online application has been received?

You will be given a PLR reference number similar to this:

**202-2018-10-E-001234**

Please keep your reference number and login details safe, by writing them in the box below.

## When will I know the outcome of my online application?

During the evening of **Thursday 1 March 2018**, you will be sent an email with the outcome of your application. A letter regarding the outcome of your application will also be posted by first class mail on **1 March 2018**.

### For online admissions

USER NAME/EMAIL:

PASSWORD:

REFERENCE NUMBER:



# Applying for a secondary school place

## How does the admissions system work?

The pan-London co-ordinated admissions scheme was developed by all London boroughs, together with six councils which border the capital, to improve the way that secondary transfer is administered, and to make the process fairer and simpler. The co-ordinated system has allowed more parents to receive an offer at one of their preferred schools and resulted in fewer parents with no offer at all. Please note that although designed to be a fairer system, there is no guarantee that you will be offered a place at one of the schools you apply for.

Wherever you live, you may apply for a place at a state school in any London borough or other area. Most people apply online (see page 7) but if you are not doing so you must apply to the borough you live in. You may express preferences for schools in other London boroughs. When applying to a school in another borough, you must check the admission arrangements with the appropriate school or local authority admissions team.

Please note that private (independent) schools are not included in these arrangements. Therefore, applications for private schools must be made directly to the school.

## Who can apply?

Children transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2018 can apply if they are born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007, and currently in Year 6. If your child is in the last year of primary school, but their birthday does not fall between these dates, please discuss the matter with your child's primary Headteacher, and, if necessary, the Camden Admissions Team by emailing [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk) or calling 020 7974 1625.

## How do I apply?

We strongly recommend parents apply online (see page 7). If you are unable to do so please talk to your primary school or email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk).

Your application must be made to the local authority where your family will be living by **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.

You can name up to six schools that should be listed in preference order on your application. We strongly advise parents to use all six preferences to increase their chance of being offered a school of their choice. If only one school is listed, it does not increase your chances of being offered a place at that school.

Schools will not be told your order of preference, or which other schools you have applied for.

## What to consider when making an application

- Be realistic about the chances of your application being successful to increase your chances of being offered a school of your choice
- Look carefully at the published admissions criteria for any oversubscribed school
- The admissions criteria for Camden community schools is set by Camden Council (pages 14 to 16)
- UCL Academy has the same admissions criteria as Camden community schools
- The admissions criteria for voluntary aided schools are decided by their governing bodies (pages 17 to 20)
- Think carefully about your preference order – if eligible to be offered a place at more than one school, your child will be offered their highest preference school, if a place is available there – all lower preferences will be released

- Your child's name will automatically be placed on a waiting list for any higher preference school(s) than the one offered.

## What is the distance admissions criteria?

There are no catchment areas for Camden community secondary schools and none have feeder primary schools. So, just because your child attends a particular primary school, it does not mean that he or she will automatically be given a place at a particular secondary school.

Most families when applying for an oversubscribed Camden community secondary school will be considered under the distance criteria if there are no special factors or siblings at those schools.

Find out more about the distance criteria:

- See the flow chart on page 16, which will help you decide whether your application will be considered under the distance criterion
- Our website at [schoolsearch.camden.gov.uk/schools](http://schoolsearch.camden.gov.uk/schools) will help you find your nearest secondary schools and their approximate distances from your home
- The table on page 52 will help you compare your distance from a school with those of students who were offered a place in previous years. These distances are for guidance only and can change each year.

Please note that this information can only be used for guidance.

## How are places allocated?

The pan-London co-ordinated admissions scheme electronically exchanges information about Camden applicants who apply for schools outside this borough and parents living outside this borough who list Camden schools among their preferences.

The admissions authority for each school will consider all applications for their school at the same time. If a school receives more applications than places available, then the admissions authority for that school will assess each applicant under its published admission criteria to determine which students will be offered places.

**Think carefully about your preference order** (see 'what to consider when making an application', page 8).

## When will I know?

Letters will be posted by first class mail on **Thursday 1 March 2018** to parents who make a paper application. Parents who apply online will receive an email during the evening of **Thursday 1 March 2018** with the outcome of their application. If you do not receive notification, please contact the Camden Admissions Team on **020 7974 1625** as soon as possible or email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk).

Parents will be asked to contact the Camden Admissions Team to confirm whether they accept or decline their offer by Thursday 15 March 2018. If parents do not respond, it could result in the offer being withdrawn and the place being offered to the next child on the waiting list. Similarly, if a place is offered and accepted but the child does not start school within two weeks following the start of term, the place may be offered to another child.



## What if my application is late or I change my preferences?

Changes to preferences and the order of the preferences will only be accepted up until the closing date of **Tuesday 31 October 2017**. Changes to preferences after this date will not be considered until after the offer day on **Thursday 1 March 2018**, which means that there may not be places remaining at your preferred school. Applications received after the closing date of **Tuesday 31 October 2017** will only be considered if there are exceptional reasons why the applicant could not apply on time. This could be where the family moved into the borough between the closing date and the offer date, or some other exceptional reason.

Reasons for late applications must be included in writing with the application, enclosing any appropriate supporting information. Late applications will be agreed at the discretion of the Executive Director, Supporting People.

## Waiting lists

Your child's name will automatically be placed on a waiting list for any higher preference school(s) than the one offered. Your child's name will not be placed on any waiting list for a lower preference where he or she has been offered a place at a higher preference school.

Waiting lists are not operated on a first come first served basis. Your place on the waiting list, and whether a place is offered if another child drops out, is determined by the school's admissions criteria. The waiting list does not take account of the parents' order of preference because 'preference' is not part of the admission criteria.

Waiting lists are revised every time relevant factors relating to any applicant changes and it is possible for applicants to go down as well as up the list. A place on the waiting list is not a guarantee of a place in the school. Equally, the length of time spent on a waiting list does not affect your place on the list.

All late applications are placed on the waiting list at the appropriate place once offers have been made on **Thursday 1 March 2018**.

## Applying for a secondary school place (continued)

**Example 1:** A parent ranks a local school as their highest preference and is offered a place there. The child will not be put on the waiting list for any of the other schools in the co-ordinated scheme that were ranked lower by the parent, as they were offered their highest possible preference.

**Example 2:** A parent names three preferences on their application and ranks them in the following order:

1. School A
2. School B
3. School C

The parent is offered School B. The child's name will remain on School A's waiting list, as this preference was higher than the offered school but will not be put on the School C waiting list, as this school was listed lower than the offered school.

### What happens if my child does not have a school place?

If you are not offered a place at any of your preferred schools, the Camden Admissions Team will attempt to offer you the nearest Camden school that has a vacancy. Please contact the Camden Admissions Team (email: [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk); tel: 020 7974 1625) for information about schools which may have vacancies, or short waiting lists and you will be invited to make applications to these schools as soon as possible.

Parents have a legal duty to ensure their children receive full-time education suitable to their age, ability or aptitude. In addition, Camden Council has a legal duty to ensure that all children living within the borough have a secondary school place.

At the beginning of the autumn term the Camden Admissions Team will pass the names of all the children without a school place to the School Inclusion Team who will work with parents to ensure their child is receiving an education.

### Can I appeal if I don't get the place I want?

You may appeal for a place at any of your preference schools at which you have been refused a place. However, you should accept the place you have been offered, or secure a place at an alternative school with vacancies to ensure you have a place for your child if your appeal is unsuccessful. It is sensible to do this because secondary transfer appeals are normally heard during the second half of the summer term, by which time there will be very few alternative schools with vacancies. Doing this will not affect your right to appeal and, if the appeal committee upholds your appeal, you can then withdraw from the alternative school. The Camden Admissions Team (email: [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk); tel: **020 7974 1625**) will always discuss alternative schools with vacancies at any stage in the process.

For a voluntary aided school within or outside Camden, the school is responsible for appeal arrangements and you should contact them directly for details. For a community school, the local authority in which the school is located is responsible. If you want to appeal for a Camden community school and UCL Academy, you can use the online form at [camden.gov.uk/schoolappeal](http://camden.gov.uk/schoolappeal).

Appeal forms should be submitted online to [www.camden.gov.uk/schoolappeal](http://www.camden.gov.uk/schoolappeal) to Committee Services no later than 29 March 2018. For further information on appeals you can contact: The Education Admissions Appeals Co-ordinator, Camden Committee Services, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, WC1H 9JE. Telephone: 020 7974 1914.

Appeals are heard by an independent committee. A decision by an appeal committee whether or not to offer a school place, is binding on the admissions authority and the school must offer a place to the child concerned. This means that the number of children to be admitted to the school will exceed the published admission number and no further places will be offered until the number of children falls below the school's published admission number. If your appeal for a school is unsuccessful, you may not appeal for the same school within one academic year, unless there has been a material change in circumstances.

Appeals for places at Camden community schools are due to be held in June/July 2018 for secondary transfer. Six appeals were held in 2017, none of which were successful. If you require appeal information about Camden voluntary aided schools, please contact the relevant school.

### Where can I get help?

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements:

- Please contact Camden Admissions Team by emailing [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk) or calling **020 7974 1625**
- Visit in person (please make an appointment): 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG (note: please do not send post here)
- Write to: School Admissions Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE
- For information on schools in other boroughs, you will need to contact the relevant school or local authority directly. See page 53 for other local authority contact details.

# Guidance on completing the application form

## Proof of date of birth

You need to submit proof of your child's date of birth, for example their NHS medical card or short birth certificate.

## Proof of address

Camden will check the address on your application form using existing council records and credit reference agencies. If your address cannot be verified, Camden Admissions Team will contact you requesting further evidence, such as a current council tax bill, housing benefit letter, a current utility bill (gas, electricity, or landline telephone bill). Failure to produce such evidence may lead to the offer of a place being withdrawn, even if the place has already been accepted. Voluntary aided schools may also request further evidence of address.

The most common reason for the Council to request further evidence is because the name of the applicant does not match the name of the person recorded as being at this address. Sometimes this is because people use their maiden name rather than their married name, or spell their name in a different way to usual. Please use the spelling of your name as it appears on official records such as your council tax bill.

**You are not required to submit proof of address with your application form.**

## Children living at two addresses

Applications can only be based upon one address at which the child usually lives and from which they travel to and from school.

If parents live separately, the application must be based on the address at which the child usually lives. If the child lives equally at two different addresses, it is the parents' responsibility to agree and make it clear which address will be used and to provide supporting evidence in respect of that address.

The final decision about which address is to be used for admission purposes rests with the Camden Admissions Team.

## Change of address

Please notify the Camden Admissions Team immediately if you change your address. We can only accept changes of address once they have taken place. Notice of planned future arrangements will not be accepted under any circumstances. An application will only be considered on the basis of your child's permanent home address at the closing date of **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.

A change of address will only be taken into account if it occurs before the closing date of **31 October 2017**.

If you move before **31 October 2017**, and you notify the Camden Admissions Team in writing with appropriate evidence by this date, your application will be considered on the basis of the new address.

If you move, or inform the Camden Admissions Team after **Tuesday 31 October 2017**, the change of address cannot be taken into account when considering your application and your address will not be amended until after **Thursday 1 March 2018**. If you move address after **Tuesday 31 October 2017** and are offered a place based on your previous address you will be entitled to retain that place if you wish.

If you move in or out of Camden after **Tuesday 31 October 2017** and have completed an application in your previous borough, you will need to contact both Councils with details of your new address.

## Temporary accommodation

Camden will not accept a temporary address if you still possess a property that was previously used as a home address, or a temporary address used solely or mainly to obtain a school place.

We consider temporary accommodation a place where you have lived for a year or less prior to the closing date of **31 October 2017** (including rented, bought or living with a family member or friend). We will also review the application of any family who decides to move after taking up the school place up to a year following the closing date.

You will be asked to provide additional information to explain why you are not using your permanent address, or another address identified as a result of our screening, or as a result of information obtained from the public. This may include utility bills, bank statements, benefit claims and copies of mortgage or rent agreements. We will also use council records to check if you receive services or benefits at another address.

## Fraudulent applications

- Camden Council takes very seriously any attempt to obtain a school place through fraudulent activity
- All cases are investigated and the use of credit reference agencies has improved detection rates
- If you know someone who intends or has used a false address to get a school place, you can report this confidentially to the Camden Admissions Team by emailing [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk) or calling **020 7974 1625**. You do not need to give your name but please provide as much information as possible so that we can investigate the matter fully
- Fraudulent applications will result in the school place being withdrawn, even after the child has started school, and may be referred to the Council's legal department for their consideration and possible action.

# Guidance on completing the application form (continued)

## Exceptional medical or social reason for attending a particular school

Where a parent states a preference for a particular school because of the exceptional medical or social needs of their child, they must demonstrate how this school meets the child's special circumstances. Along with your application, you should submit supporting evidence which sets out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable and the difficulties that could be caused if your child has to attend another school.

Please read the school's oversubscription criteria for further information on how the criterion will be applied and see note 2 on page 14 for further details. This will normally be the form of a letter from a suitably qualified professional like a doctor, consultant or social worker. For a copy of our exceptional medical and social policy please contact the Camden Admissions Team email: [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk); tel: 020 7974 1625. If you do not submit any supporting information, then your application will be considered under the distance criterion.

## Supplementary forms

Camden's voluntary aided schools may require a supplementary form to be completed. These requirements are listed below. You need to contact the schools directly for these forms and return them to the school by the specified date (see key dates on page 6).

**If you do not submit your supplementary form, or it is incomplete, then you will be considered under the distance criterion.**

- **Camden School for Girls** – supplementary form required for music places only
- **La Sainte Union** – supplementary form required from all applicants
- **Maria Fidelis** – supplementary form required from all applicants
- **William Ellis** – supplementary form required for music places only.

## Secondary admissions for students with special educational needs

The secondary transfer process is different for children with statements of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan (see [camden.gov.uk/sendreforms](http://camden.gov.uk/sendreforms)). You can still make use of this booklet to gain general information about Camden secondary schools. However, you should not apply through the ordinary secondary transfer process, but be guided by the SEN Team of the local authority that maintains your child's statement or EHC plan. In the case of Camden residents, the Camden SEN Team will contact each family via their primary school. If your child is being assessed for an EHC plan you do not have to wait for this to be completed before applying for a secondary school.

An assessment does not always mean that a final plan will be issued, so you may need to apply for a school in the usual way and, if a plan is issued, you can then withdraw your application. The SEN Team of the local authority that is carrying out the assessment will be able to advise you on what to do. Camden also produces a booklet called 'Transfer from Primary to Secondary School in September 2018 – Arrangements for Camden Residents' Pupils with Special Educational Needs' detailing the secondary transfer process for students with statements or EHC plans. A copy can be obtained from your child's school, or from the Camden SEN Team on 020 7974 6500. For more information about the range of support and services available for children with special educational needs in Camden visit:

- [camden.gov.uk/sen](http://camden.gov.uk/sen)
- [localoffer.camden.gov.uk](http://localoffer.camden.gov.uk)

## In-year admissions to secondary school

Admissions to Camden schools for all years, apart from Year 7 starting in September 2018, are dealt with by the school. Please contact the school for any queries regarding in-year admissions. Please also ask the school for their application form and any supplementary form required for a faith school. The school will apply the published admissions criteria if the appropriate year group is oversubscribed. If you are a parent who lives in another borough, you can contact the relevant Camden school and apply directly to the school. If you are thinking of transferring your child from one Camden school to another, you are strongly encouraged to discuss the matter with your child's current class teacher, head of year or headteacher before taking any further action. It is sometimes the case that children can take a while to settle into their new school and asking the school for further help could resolve any difficulties your child may be experiencing.

## Educated out of normal age group

If your child is currently educated out of his/her normal age group, you can request that this continues, and your child remains in their current year group. Each secondary school will decide separately whether or not your child remains out of normal age group. If a secondary school does not agree with your request, your child's application will be considered in their correct year group.

## Camden's fair access protocol

This is run by a partnership of our secondary schools and involves a panel, which can allocate school places above the published admissions number for young people from high priority groups – such as those who have been permanently excluded or out of education for a long time. A copy of the protocol is available on request by calling 020 7974 4589.

# Myth-busters

**Some parents or carers make decisions based on incorrect information they have heard. Here are some of the common reasons for not being offered a place at one of their preferred schools.**

**Myth – Listing one school on your form will mean that the Council will have to offer that school.**

If we apply the admissions arrangements and your child cannot be offered a place because you live too far away, we will not be able to offer a place at the school.

**Myth – If you live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year you will be guaranteed a place.**

Although the information on page 52 can give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We can never guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.

**Myth – Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.**

The number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year so just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.

**Myth – If I work close to the school, the distance is from my work to the school.**

The proximity of your workplace has no bearing on your application – we will measure your distance from your home to the school.

**Myth – Listing the same school six times will improve my chances of being offered the school.**

Your child can only be considered once for a school and any duplicated preferences will be deleted.

**Myth – If I have a sibling enrolled at a faith school I will get higher priority.**

This may not always be the case, as some faith schools rank regular worship at a particular church above siblings. Please check the admissions criteria for your selected faith school.

**Myth – My child's Key Stage 2 test results will affect their chance of securing a school place.**

The Key Stage 2 test results do not form part of the admissions criteria for any of Camden's community or voluntary aided schools, or UCL Academy, so your child's results will not be considered.

**Myth – The oversubscription criteria never changes.**

Each year the Council consults on the admissions criteria for each school and the oversubscription criteria can vary from year to year.

**Myth – I can only apply for Camden schools.**

You can apply for both Camden and out of borough schools by naming them in your application. If applying for a voluntary aided school, you should check with the school to see if they require a supplementary form to be completed as well.

**Myth – If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.**

A council cannot give preference to its own residents and published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. Camden cannot and does not discriminate between applicants who live in the borough and those who do not. However, check the admissions criteria with the appropriate authority if applying to a school in another borough.

**Myth – It does not matter if my application is late.**

If you apply after Tuesday 31 October 2017 your application will not be looked at until after all those who have applied on time and it is very unlikely that you will be offered one of your preferred schools.

**Myth – My school place can be withdrawn once it has been offered to me.**

Once the Council has made an offer of a school place, it can only be lawfully withdrawn in very limited circumstances. This may happen where an application is found to be fraudulent or a parent has not responded to an offer within the specified timescale.

# Admissions criteria for community schools and UCL Academy

- **Acland Burghley School**
- **Hampstead School**
- **Haverstock School**
- **Parliament Hill School**
- **Regent High School**
- **UCL Academy**

These admissions criteria apply to Camden's five community schools and UCL Academy when there are more applications than places available.

## Admissions criteria

1. Looked-after children or children who were previously looked-after but immediately after being looked-after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order. **See note 1.**
2. Applicants who have a sibling on roll at the same school who will still be on roll when they join. This can include siblings in the Sixth Form. Sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent or partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit, at the same address, as the sibling.
3. Applicants whom the Council accepts have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at the school. **See note 2.**
4. Children whose parent is a qualified teacher teaching at the relevant school for two years or more at the time of application and / or children of a qualified teacher training at the relevant school who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

5. Applicants who live closest to the preferred school. Proximity to a school is measured on a computerised mapping system of the area, measured in a straight line 'as the crow flies' between the property address to the centre of the school. **See note 3.** This will be used as a 'tie-breaker' should there be places available after the first four criteria are applied.

In the case of applicants to Regent High School only, priority will be given to applicants within the priority zone of Holborn and Covent Garden ward, even if they are further away within the distance criterion.

**Equal preference model** – will be used to decide which school is offered. This means that all school preferences are considered together and the admissions criteria administered equally for each level (rank) of preference. The rank or order of preference will only be used if it is possible to offer more than one of the preferences. The highest ranked potential offer will be offered and the lower preferences will be automatically withdrawn.

The flow chart on page 16 provides useful guidance on how the Council's criteria are used to decide which applicants are offered the available places at Camden community schools and the UCL Academy.

## Notes

1. In order to be given highest priority for admission, a child has to fall within the definition of 'looked-after' in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. As this act applies to England and Wales, a child has to be looked-after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be given highest priority.

Paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code gives equal highest priority to 'previously looked-after children'. Given the definition of a looked-after child, a child will have to have been looked-after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be considered previously looked-after. Under paragraph 1.7 of the Code, a child has to have been looked-after immediately before they were adopted or became a subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

Proof of looked-after status will be requested from the relevant local authority.

2. Some schools give priority to children with exceptional medical or social needs. For a copy of our exceptional medical and social policy please contact the Camden Admissions Team (email: [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk); tel: 020 7974 1625).

If you state a preference for a particular school because of medical or social needs, you must explain how this school specifically meets your child's special circumstances better than any other school can. Along with your application, you should submit supporting evidence which sets out the particular reasons why that school is the most suitable, and the difficulties that could be caused if they were to attend another school. This will normally be in the form of a letter from a suitably qualified professional, such as a medical consultant or social worker and must not be more than six months older than the date of applying.

Please note that hospital appointment letters cannot be accepted as proof. If you or your child has mobility issues then you will be expected to accept a place at your nearest community school, if applying under the medical/social criterion.

Each application under this criterion will be considered by the medical/social advisory panel, which includes a consultant paediatrician, senior social worker, educational psychologist, school inclusion and admissions officers.

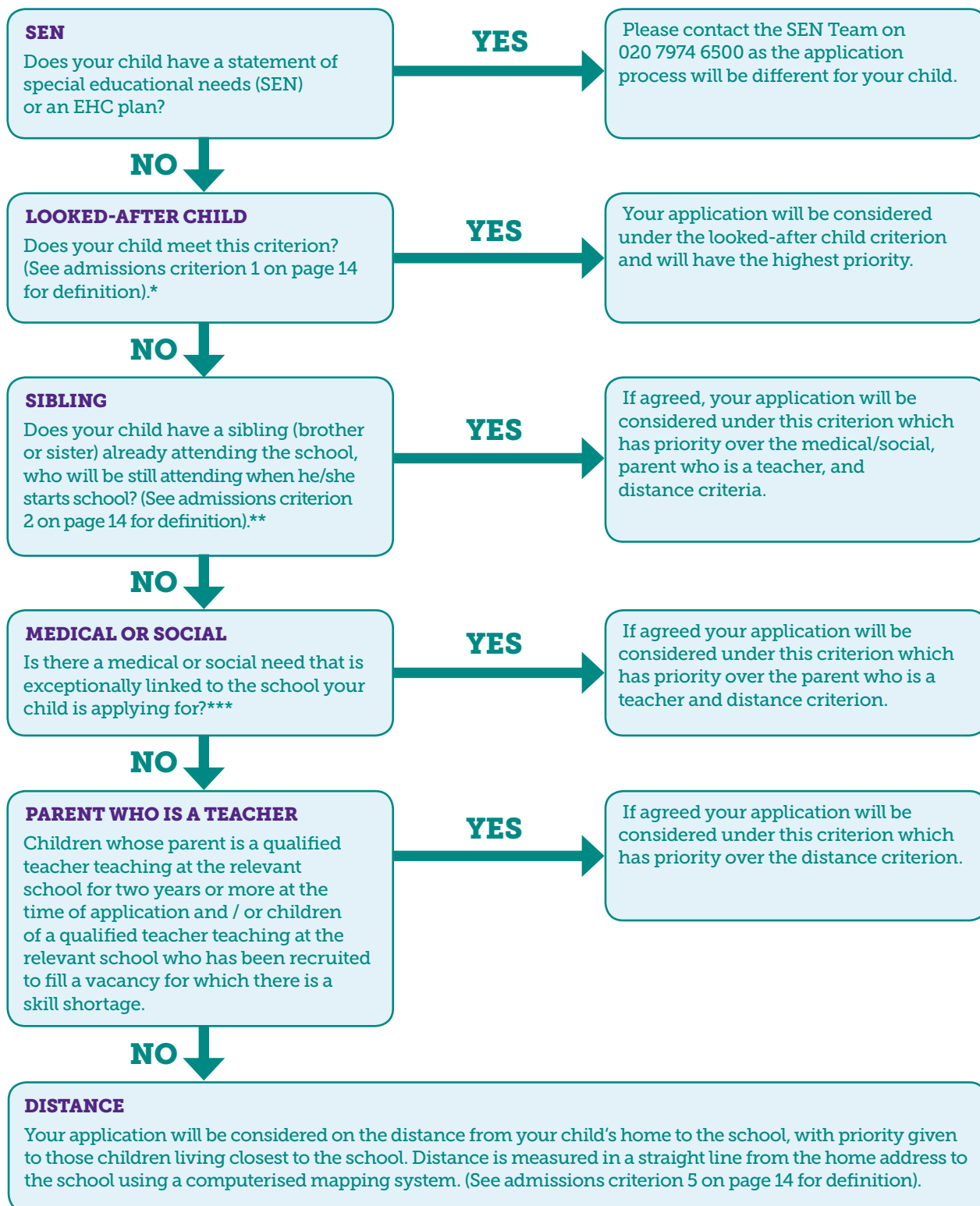
**3.** Any offer of a place on the grounds of proximity is conditional on the child being resident at the address provided at the closing date for application. A business address, a childminder's address, or any address other than the child's home will not be accepted. Proof of address may be sought and may be the subject of further investigation. Proximity to the school is measured in a straight line 'as the crow flies' between the property address and the centre of the school. The point used to measure from the address is supplied by the local land and property gazette. In the minority of cases when applicants distance measurements are exactly the same, in blocks of flats for instance, the computer system will randomly order the priority of applicants.

**4.** Children with a statement of special educational needs or EHC plan (see page 12) that specifies the school as a placement school will be allocated a place through a separate procedure, in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

**5.** If there is only one place available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, we will go over the community schools' published admission number where parents indicate a preference for siblings to be at the same school.



## Admissions criteria for community schools and UCL Academy (continued)



\* Proof of looked-after status will be requested from the relevant local authority.

\*\* Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister and, in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address. This information will need to be validated by the school in question.

\*\*\* Independent professional evidence must be included with the application.

# Admissions to Camden School for Girls

**Applicants should carefully read the school's complete admissions policy on the school website: [www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk](http://www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk)**

## **Year 7 admissions**

The school admits 120 girls representing the full range of ability. Applicants should attend an assessment session at the school, which will place them in one of four ability bands. These non-competitive assessments are processed independently of the school. Thirty places are offered in each band.

The banding assessment sessions will take place on Saturday 23 and Wednesday 27 September 2017. Applicants must register online for banding assessment by **Tuesday 19 September** at noon. Music applicants should follow the instructions at the end of the banding assessment registration. Parents will be informed by email of the banding assessment result on or before **Friday 27 October 2017**.

Places will first be offered to applicants naming the school who have a statement of special educational needs, or an education, health and care plan issued by or with the support of Camden local authority.

When oversubscribed, places in each band will then be offered in accordance with the criteria below.

**1. Looked-after and previously looked after children.** Looked-after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately afterwards became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order.

**2. Siblings.** Applicants with a sibling living at the same address who is on the roll of the school at the time of admission.

**3. Exceptional medical or social need.** Applicants considered by the governors to have an exceptional medical or social need that Camden School for Girls is specifically able to meet. Applications will only be considered on this basis if the case is made known to the school and supported by appropriate evidence at the time of the original application. This will normally be in the form of a letter from a suitably qualified professional, such as a doctor or social worker.

**4. Music places.** Three places are offered on the basis of musical aptitude; five places on the basis of musical aptitude and ability. All music applicants must apply online by noon on 19 September. All music applicants will sit a multiple choice listening aptitude test in music. Three highest scoring candidates will be offered a place on basis of musical aptitude; remaining 50 highest-scoring candidates will be invited back for a performance audition for the other five places. Applicants must also sit the banding assessment.

**5. Distance.** Applicants whose permanent home is nearest to the school, measured in a straight line as the crow flies, from the centre of pedestrian gate in the perimeter fence on Sandall Road.

## **Sixth Form admissions**

The Sixth Form's published admissions number is 140; the minimum number of external students admitted into Year 12. The actual number of places available to external students joining Year 12 depends on the number of internal students continuing into the Sixth Form. No more than half the external places will be given to boys. In addition, 30 students will be put on the waiting list. Total intake for Year 12 is 225.

## **How places are allocated**

The basic qualification: all applicants must have an academic reference from their current school stating their predicted grades. These must include GCSEs at level 6 or above in English language and mathematics, and three other GCSEs at or above grade B. GCSE equivalent qualifications are not accepted.

Applicants' predicted grades must also meet any higher individual grade requirements specified on the Sixth Form website in relation to their selected subjects.

**• Sixth Form open day: Tuesday 21 November 2017**

Application forms and deadline dates are available on the website: [www.csfgsixthform.org.uk](http://www.csfgsixthform.org.uk)

# Admissions criteria for La Sainte Union Catholic School

**Applicants should carefully read the school's complete admissions policy on the school website: [www.lasainteunion.org.uk](http://www.lasainteunion.org.uk)**

## Year 7 admissions

La Sainte Union was founded to provide education for children of Catholic families and is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church.

Whenever there are more applications than places available priority will always be given to Catholic applicants, according to the oversubscription criteria below.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education is supported by all families in the school. All applicants and candidates are expected to give their full support for the aims and ethos of the school.

The governing body is responsible for admissions and intends to admit 180 girls to Year 7 in the school year beginning September 2018.

## Oversubscription criteria

At any time when there are more applications than places available, places will be offered in the following order of priority:

- i.** Catholic looked-after girls and previously looked-after Catholic girls. Previously looked-after girls are girls who were looked after but ceased to be because they were adopted (or became subject to a Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order).
- ii.** Baptised Catholic girls with a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by the Catholic priest at the Church they attend.

**iii.** Other Baptised Catholic Girls.

**iv.** Other looked-after girls and previously looked-after (see [i] for definition).

**v.** Other Christian Girls from practising Christian families whose application is supported by a letter from their minister confirming membership of the faith community.

**vi.** Any other girl.

Eighteen places will be reserved for applicants who show aptitude in the performance of music. Applicants who wish to be considered under this criterion are invited to submit their child's name for an aptitude test. Places will be allocated on merit but priority will always be given to Catholic girls.

Where the number of candidates in any of the categories listed above exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated according to these provisions in the following order:

- 1.** After the first category [i] of 'Catholic looked-after girls', the governing body will give priority to an application where compelling evidence is provided at the time of application, from an appropriate professional such as a doctor, priest or social worker, of an exceptional social, medical, pastoral or other need of the Catholic girl, which can only be met at this school rather than any other school.
- 2.** Girls who have a sibling already on roll at La Sainte Union and who will continue to attend La Sainte Union during the following year.
- 3.** Those living the shortest distance from the school, as measured by Camden Council.

Note: In the last five years, 100% of our offers were to girls in categories [i] to [iii]. No one from category [iv] or below was admitted at the beginning of Year 7.

## E-admissions form, supplementary information form and other requirements

All applicants must complete their local authority e-admissions form by **Tuesday 31 October 2017** as well as the school's own supplementary information form.

Applicants applying under oversubscription criterion [ii] must submit a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) by the closing date. This form is available from the priest at the parish where the family normally worships or from the diocesan website. It is the parent's duty to ensure that the CCP is submitted to the school in good time. The priest will only sign this form if he knows you.

Parents will be required to provide a copy of the girl's baptismal certificate, together with the Certificate of Catholic Practice by **Friday 17 November 2017** at the latest.

These oversubscription criteria have been extracted from the school's admissions policy. Please see the school's website or contact the school directly to obtain the full policy.

# Admissions criteria for Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ\*

**Applicants should carefully read the school's complete admissions policy on the school website: [www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk)**

## Year 7 admissions

Maria Fidelis Catholic School was founded to provide education for children of Catholic families and is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for girls and boys and it is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education is supported by all families in the school.

The governing body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit 150 children to Year 7 in September 2018.

## Oversubscription criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the admission number, offers of places are made using the following order of priority:

1. Catholic looked-after children and Catholic children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
3. Other baptised Catholic children.
4. Other looked-after children (see [1] for definition).
5. Catechumens and baptised children of Eastern/Orthodox Churches with a baptism certificate or a letter from their priest confirming enrolment in the catechumenate of the Catholic Church.
6. Other Christian children whose application is supported by a religious leader.
7. Any other children.

**Note: children from 34 named feeder schools will be given priority in each category.**

If there are insufficient places to admit all candidates in any of the above categories, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured 'as the crow flies' from home address to centre of the school. The address given must be the one in which the child normally lives.

The governing body will give top priority, after the category of looked-after children, to children whose exceptional medical, social or pastoral needs justify a place at the school where compelling written evidence is provided, at the time of application, from an appropriate professional e.g. doctor, priest or social worker.

The attendance of a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category.

## Sixth Form admissions

Current pupils do not need to make an application as presumed they will require a Sixth Form place, subject to fulfilling the individual requirements of suitable courses. Governors propose to admit a minimum of 30 external applicants annually to the Sixth Form with the required academic qualifications for proposed course of study. Applications must be made on the Sixth Form Application Form. In the event of oversubscription, the criteria and priorities listed in this policy will apply.

## Application procedure

All applicants must complete a Common Application Form (CAF) available from and returned to the local authority in which they are resident by **Tuesday 31 October 2017**. Applicants should also complete the Maria Fidelis Supplementary Information Form (SIF), available from the school or the local authority and returned to the school by **Friday 20 October 2017** with all relevant paperwork.

Those wishing to be considered under Criterion 2 or 3 should provide the school with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Those applying under Criterion 2 should obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice form from the parish or diocesan website, fill in the top part and ask their parish priest to sign it.

These oversubscription criteria have been extracted from the school's admissions policy. Please see the school's website or contact the school directly to obtain the full policy.

**\* FCJ – Faithful Companions of Jesus**



# Admissions criteria for William Ellis School

**Applicants should carefully read the school's complete admissions policy on the school website: [www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk)**

## **Year 7 admissions**

Applicants should carefully read the school's complete admissions policy on the school website:  
[www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk)

The school will admit up to 130 boys into Year 7 and will also fill casual vacancies in any year up to Year 11. In the event of over-subscription to the school, the following criteria will be applied in order:

**1.** Looked after children. This can include a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order.

**2.** Applicants with a brother in the school at the time when the applicant is to join. This can include siblings in the sixth form as long as they are on roll at the same school and will still be on roll when the sibling joins.

**3.** Applicants who can demonstrate that admission to William Ellis School is necessary on the grounds of professionally supported medical or social need. Parents/carers must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application, together with supporting documentation. Such applications will not be considered without professional support – such as a letter or report from a doctor, consultant or social worker and which must be no more than six months old. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential. The supporting documentation will need to support the link between the need and the school.

**4.** Applicants who can demonstrate musical aptitude as measured by the school's assessment criteria. Up to 10% of places will be offered on this basis. In the event that fewer than ten per cent achieve the minimum score on the aptitude test, the remaining places will be allocated according to criterion 6 (below). Details of examination grades and performing experience will NOT be taken into account. Supplementary forms for music applicants are available from the school.

**5.** Applicants who have a parent employed at the school for two years or more at the time of application and/or children of a qualified teacher training at William Ellis School who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

**6.** Applicants who live closest to the school, measured in a straight line to the centre of the school.

These oversubscription criteria have been extracted from the school's admissions policy. Please see the school's website or contact the school directly to obtain the full policy.



# Post-16 in Camden

**Students in Camden benefit from access to the successful and expanding post-16 offer available across every secondary school in the borough.**

Our Sixth Forms continue to go from strength to strength, with improved exam results and an impressive alumni of students who have gone on to achieve and succeed in a wide range of careers.

Choosing a Sixth Form in Camden opens up a world of opportunity and is a pathway to future success.

## **Secondary school Sixth Forms**

Camden School for Girls, Hampstead, Haverstock, Maria Fidelis, Regent High and UCL all offer individual Sixth Forms. The wide range of courses and subjects these offer, both academic and vocational, ensures that every young person's talents and interests are catered for, enabling each student to enter higher education, or the world of work, equipped with the qualifications and skills they need to succeed in their chosen path.

Our school Sixth Forms boast impressive learning facilities, outstanding enrichment and extracurricular programmes, including mentoring opportunities and volunteering within the community, as well as careers advice and personalised guidance and support during the university application process.

For more information visit the relevant school pages 22 to 51 and their admission pages 14 to 20.

## **LaSWAP Sixth Form**

Students in Camden can also attend our LaSWAP Consortium, the largest post-16 provision in Camden and the longest established Sixth Form consortium in London. It combines the strengths of its four partner schools: Acland Burghley, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill and William Ellis and aims to ensure outstanding progress and achievement for all students, equipping them for future success.

The LaSWAP team of specialist teachers provides consistently excellent teaching. The consortium enjoys a well-deserved reputation for high expectations and academic success. Students benefit from a wide range of academic and vocational subjects and enjoy a curriculum that is up-to-date, innovative and forward looking. Students are based in one of the four schools where they take at least one of their courses, as well as being able to access subjects in any of the other three schools.

LaSWAP students have the opportunity to develop personally and academically within a structured environment that offers the flexibility and diversity of a college with the individual care of a school community. They receive excellent advice and guidance on future opportunities, including support from a nationally renowned team of higher education advisors.

## **Admissions criteria for LaSWAP Sixth Form**

LaSWAP is open to all Sixth Form students who meet the specified entry requirements for the courses on offer. In the event of more applicants who meet the entry requirements than places, places will be allocated according to the following criteria in order of priority:

1. Looked-after child or a child who was previously looked-after but immediately after being looked-after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order.
2. Existing students of the school who are continuing their studies from Year 11.
3. Applicants who are judged to have an exceptional social or medical need. There will need to be a very clear link between the child's exceptional need and the school. Parents/carers will need to submit a case supported by appropriate professional evidence from a doctor, social worker, or similar professional. That evidence will need to support the link between the need and the school.
4. Distance, as measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the centre of the school where LaSWAP is based, using the local authority's computerised mapping system. Those living closer to the school receive the higher priority.

For more details visit [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk)

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THE SIXTH FORM OF CHOICE

# Acland Burghley School



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**Ages** 11 to 19

**DfE number** 202 / 4285

## Places available September 2018

182 (including four places in resource base for students with autism)

## Open Evening

Wednesday 27 September,  
6pm to 8pm

## Open Mornings

Monday 25, Tuesday 26,  
Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28  
September, 9am to 10.30am

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm  
(pre-registration is required – see the  
school website or  
[www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



## School fact file

**We are a thriving community school for girls and boys aged 11–19. Academic excellence and stretch and challenge for all is at the heart of our curriculum offer.**

**Ofsted (September 2016) confirmed that the school is on a rapid journey of improvement: "The leadership of the new Headteacher is a key strength... the capacity to improve further is strong."**

**Our excellent provision in the arts encourages student creativity, providing enriching experiences for all.**

**Students and parents consider the home-school communication to be a strength of the school, valuing the positive relationships between staff, students and parents.**

## Dear Parents and Carers

I am proud to invite you to visit Acland Burghley School. It is an exceptional place for children to learn. Our rich, academic and creative curriculum offer supports students to become independent, self-regulating young adults.

Every student is an individual who is entitled to achieve his or her full potential, building on the foundations they have laid at primary school. We put great emphasis on high standards of literacy, maths, science, languages and sport, preparing every child for progression to university or further study. We are also proud of our distinctive arts specialism. Music, dance and drama are key strengths. We provide excellent facilities and a wide range of extracurricular clubs and activities.

Children are supported in their school journey by friendly and approachable staff, who believe in them, and challenge them to achieve their goals. Our happy, diverse community supports all students to be confident and outward looking, so that they can be the best that they can be. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas John, Headteacher

## Our school

We are proud to be a mixed, truly comprehensive school which values every one of our students and supports them to be the best that they can be. We work closely with the Local Authority and other Camden schools to secure the best outcomes for local children from a diverse range of backgrounds. Our inclusive school community leads to a stimulating, rich and harmonious learning environment.

All our teachers and support staff seek out and develop the talents of every student, with the aim of allowing each individual to flourish. We believe that every student can be successful and will find an exciting pathway to an inspiring future.

We encourage students to develop into independent young adults. To achieve high standards, students need to learn to self-regulate. Sometimes this means supporting them to make the right choices; it also means setting regular independent learning tasks to be completed outside school hours. Students are taught to be safe, and to make mature choices inside and outside of school.

Each student is a proud member of a Year Team. A dedicated team of staff enables all students to make outstanding progress and achieve excellent results. Every student receives care and guidance from adults who really know each individual.

We offer a wide programme of extracurricular activities. The school places great importance on trips and cultural activities. These give students many opportunities to experiment and extend themselves.

## Curriculum

Our curriculum offer supports students to achieve academic excellence. Many students go on to achieve the highest grades at GCSE and A Level, and to progress to top universities including Oxbridge. Our highly qualified teachers are exceptionally well placed to ensure high quality teaching and learning. We ensure rapid progress for all, whatever their starting points.

The curriculum also gives students a broad range of choices to follow their interests and create an individual pathway. Students will develop their creativity, independent learning skills and intellectual curiosity, as well as the skills necessary for exam success.

Throughout Key Stage 3, your child will follow a common curriculum that builds on their achievements at primary school. We provide a broad and balanced programme, including all core subjects and either French or Spanish. Class groups are put together to ensure a high level of stretch and challenge. Tutor groups provide a strong cohesive 'home' throughout your child's education.

We encourage creativity across the curriculum, stimulating personal development, self-confidence and success. Music, dance and drama are key strengths. We build students' ability to think creatively, express themselves confidently, and engage with the world around them. Through this approach, our students can become expert learners.



## ACLAND BURGHLEY SCHOOL

### A school with a bright future

Acland Burghley is building on its reputation as a highly successful, mixed community school, offering an excellent comprehensive education to students from a wide range of backgrounds. The 'Lighting Up' event in January 2016 was a symbol of the school's bright future.

Ofsted visited the school in February 2016, and commended the progress being made. The report said that leaders "know exactly what needs doing" and are "addressing the issues head-on". Inspectors noted that "the capacity to improve further is strong." They also noted that "parents are strongly supportive of the school."

Our new leadership team and strong Governing Board have significant experience of school improvement in a wide range of contexts. Acland Burghley is a school with a bright future, with ambitions to provide the very best comprehensive education within a very short timescale.



### Unique opportunities

All young people thrive on responsibility and ours have a number of different opportunities that allow them to do just that.

- School Council members liaise with the leadership and management of the school to ensure that the community is working for the benefit of all its members
- Acland Burghley Ambassadors are trained in hospitality, to show visitors around the school
- Student interview panels play an important role in the appointment of all senior staff
- Students work with the Anne Frank Trust every two years and become peer educators on the theme of tolerance
- Peer mentors play an important role in the transition process to ensure younger students settle and develop.



### Sixth Form

Acland Burghley Sixth Form is part of the highly successful LaSWAP Consortium, which includes La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill and William Ellis. We offer an unrivalled range of AS and A Level subjects and a comprehensive range of vocational courses delivered by specialist staff and complemented by an excellent enrichment programme. The vast majority of our Sixth Formers progress on to university.

For further information on our Sixth Form, please visit [laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://laswap.camden.sch.uk)

**"Our children all have different needs, different strengths and different aspirations. They have changed so much since they first walked through the gates of the school. The school has been with them throughout that journey, with the right help and support to allow them to become the confident, successful and dynamic young people they are today." Letter from 39 parents of Year 11 students, published in the Camden New Journal, 8 June 2017**

# Camden School for Girls

## School fact file

**Ofsted has rated Camden School for Girls outstanding in all categories.**

**2016 GCSE results were above the national average: 79% of students achieved five or more A\* to C grades, including English and maths.**

**2016 English Baccalaureate results were well above the national average at 61%, a record high for the school.**

**2016 A Level results were also above the national average: 76% of students achieved A\* to B grades and 93% A\* to C.**

**The school has been identified by government ministers five times since 2013 as being one of the 100 top-performing non-selective state-funded schools in England.**

**Extracurricular activities are of an exceptionally high calibre in music, drama, debating, science, art, PE, literature, humanities and languages, philosophy, design and technology.**



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**Ages** 11 to 19

**Places available September 2018**

120

**DfE No** 202 / 4611

### Open Evening

Monday 18 September 2017, 6pm

### Open Mornings

Wednesday 13 September 2017 and

Friday 15 September 2017, 9am

### Sixth Form Open Event

Tuesday 21 November 2017





**"The Camden School for Girls enables its pupils to look inwards, outwards, onwards and upwards, so you leave not just with a sigh of relief about the end of exams, but with a profound sense of one's self."**

**Lillie Maguire, Head Girl**

## Mission

**"At Camden School for Girls we aim to maintain our strong sense of tradition and connection to the past, while offering a contemporary and forward-looking education."**

**Elizabeth Kitcatt, Headteacher**

Our aims are to:

- maintain and develop the school's tradition of providing the highest quality of education
- offer equality of opportunity and care for all students, whatever their race, gender, class, creed or special needs
- promote a sense of environmental and social responsibility
- encourage all students to:
  - develop their individual talents to the full
  - have confidence in themselves and a sense of self-worth
  - work co-operatively with others
  - develop independence of thought
  - value education and enjoy learning
  - be tolerant and open-minded
  - show consideration for others and respect their diverse qualities and needs
- sustain and promote the school's ethos, heritage and philosophy within the contexts of public policy, social trends and educational need.

## Curriculum

We offer an extensive range of subjects, within and beyond the National Curriculum. Students choose French or Spanish at the end of their first term and ICT is taught across the curriculum at Key Stage 3. Classical studies is taught throughout Year 8, and girls choose between classical studies and Latin in Year 9.

Key Stage 4 offers a wide range of academic and vocational, traditional and modern subjects including art, hairdressing and beauty therapy, health and social care, classical civilisation, geography, Greek, history, ICT, Latin, triple science, music, computer science, PE, theology and philosophy, sociology, resistant materials, textiles.



## Experience for life

We offer a range of performance opportunities, including a 70-piece symphony orchestra and numerous smaller ensembles. We present many concerts and offer many performance opportunities for all students. We have received the Mayor of London's Music Award.

Other activities for students include debating, drama, dance and a wide range of sports. We make excellent use of London's attractions, including trips to theatres, art galleries, museums and sites of historical, artistic, scientific, technical, religious, literary or geographical interest. Trips to France, Spain and Iceland are organised for some year groups. All departments organise homework clubs after school and at lunchtimes to further students' learning and knowledge.

## Unique opportunities

The school develops leadership opportunities through the school council, head girl and senior prefect elections. Students are offered a wide range of clubs and societies, such as the green club, debating society and feminist club, where their input is valued when developing and maintaining whole-school initiatives.



**"Camden School for Girls rightly deserves the outstanding reputation it has among parents and in the community." Ofsted**



# Hampstead School



**HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL**  
Learning together Achieving together

## Headteacher

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Ages 11 to 19

DfE number 202 / 4275

Places available September 2018  
210

## Open Evening

Thursday 21 September 2017, 5.30pm

## Open Mornings

(please arrive for 9.00 am)

Tuesday 19, 26 September,

Tuesday 3, 10, 17 October, 9am

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 23 November, 6pm



## School fact file

**"This school provides a well-organised and inspiring education for its pupils. Pupils are guided and taught consistently well."**  
**Ofsted 2016**

**"An exceptional climate for learning... exceptionally well-behaved."** Challenge Partners

**First secondary school in London to be recognised as a UNICEF Level 2 Rights Respecting School.**

**First secondary school in London to be awarded inaugural Achievement for All ambassador status.**

## Mission

We pride ourselves on our reputation as a high achieving school, where expectations are challenging and success is guaranteed. Our students made rapid and sustained progress over the last five years. However, we are not complacent and seek to ensure that the next five years are as productive and successful.

Central to all we do, is the quality of relationships we build with our students. It is these relationships that have been the stepping stones to our success. Our staff take the time to learn about the young people in our care. This fosters a positive rapport and conducive environment for our students to flourish.

**"Students' pride in their school is evident."** The Good Schools Guide

**"Relationships between students and their teachers are very positive."**  
Challenge Partners

Our vibrant and energetic student community is founded on values of self-discipline, respect and tolerance, reflected in being the first secondary school in London to be recognised by UNICEF as a Level 2 Rights Respecting School.

## Curriculum

Starting with our induction day in July, we ensure a seamless transition from primary school for all our students. We work closely with our local primary schools, running taster sessions, workshops and assemblies, and familiarising pupils with life at secondary school. Our curriculum is inspirational and aspirational, challenging the needs of every child as an individual. All children have a right to a broad, balanced and relevant education, which provides continuity and progression and takes individual differences into consideration. Students are grouped by ability where appropriate, receiving extra support either to accelerate and stretch the most able or to ensure that no student falls behind.

**"High expectations of students' learning and behaviour feature consistently in lessons across the school. Routines are very well established. In response, students frequently demonstrate high levels of engagement and good behaviour. They are enthusiastic and willing learners."** Challenge Partners

## Bright futures

Reflecting our Investors in Careers (Level 3) award, we provide a diverse and rich learning environment in which students further develop their skills as independent learners. We work hard to ensure that they have the knowledge and self-belief to compete and flourish in a changing educational and social environment, no matter how challenging. We encourage students to develop enquiring minds and to make the most of the many opportunities for positions of responsibility, including peer mentors, prefects and reading buddies.

Our provision of personalised and tailored support enables students to develop confidence and respect. We actively encourage our students to take responsibility for their own learning, recognising and celebrating them as individuals with unique skills, talents and interests. Our Student Leadership Team makes positive contributions towards shaping change in our school.

We are proud that all our students leave us with strong ambitions and a clear vision of their future, with the capacity to achieve it.

## Experience for life

Our extensive range of clubs includes numerous sports, an artist-in-residence, homework, computing, science, poetry readings, debating and history and mathematics societies. The Model United Nations Society meets weekly and has been highly successful in national conferences every year. Enrichment days are a regular feature of life at Hampstead School, including visits to museums, exhibitions, universities and galleries. Students also enjoy longer residential visits such as the annual ski trip, languages trips and study tours.

**"Fizzes with activity – plenty to do... masses of extracurricular activity."**  
The Good Schools Guide



**"Hampstead is a wonderful school where my child is taught well, is happy and given lots of opportunities to engage with sporting and other activities. The teachers are amazing, and work really hard." Parent quoted in Ofsted Report 2016**





## Sixth Form

In Year 12, students choose from a variety of courses taught at Level 2 and 3 to offer progression. These range from traditional subjects such as mathematics, computing and history, to truly vocational courses including financial studies and health and social care which lead to university or apprenticeships.

Our curriculum is strongly complemented by a comprehensive enrichment programme. Activities include overseas residential visits, workshops with film directors at the Roundhouse, performing at the Donmar Warehouse theatre, Digital Leaders Programme, Model United Nations and debating, as well as visits to West End theatre shows and museums.

Our students also take advantage of the plethora of opportunities we provide within the field of education, with university visits and workshops, national competitions in debating and mathematics, internships with top City banks, hospitals and law firms, as well as bespoke work experience, to name just a few!

We are continuing to build a culture whereby our students and parents work in partnership with us, to ensure every student receives an enriching learning programme that supports them in embarking on the rest of their lives as confident, well-rounded young adults.

**"There was considerable improvement in A-level results in 2016, with many students reaching higher grades and their individual ambitious targets."**  
**Ofsted 2016**



# Haverstock School

## School fact file

**A broad, inspiring and dynamic curriculum to challenge all learners and harness their curiosity.**

**Personalised advice and guidance, encouraging students to be ambitious and motivated for their futures whilst nurturing and supporting their wellbeing.**

**Unparalleled Co-Curricular offer encompassing academic, sporting, cultural, creative and citizenship activities.**

**World class preparation for the next stage of our students' lives through our well-established Haverstock Careers Network.**

## Dear Parent / Carer

As the new Headteacher of Haverstock School, it gives me great pleasure to warmly invite you to visit the school to see for yourself our exceptional learning environment. Haverstock is a school with a proud history that is improving rapidly. We are incredibly ambitious for every single one of your sons and daughters.

We are totally committed to ensuring that every student excels academically, but also equipping them with more than just qualifications so that they flourish into confident and fulfilled young adults of whom we will all be proud. We will do this by providing the very best for them, whilst expecting the very best from them. As a large secondary school, we are able to offer greater flexibility of curriculum that will enable us to discover and nurture each child's individual talents and provide learning at pitch and pace that is appropriate for each learner. Our vast range of Co-Curricular opportunities are designed to develop the skills and attributes that are so essential for success in the modern world. Our unique Careers Network offers incomparable opportunities including internships with our global business partners such as GE, Santander, McKinsey, Olswang, NBC and Starcom Mediavest.

I recognise the profound investment you will make when choosing a secondary school for your child, and we take our commitment to delivering on the promises that we make to you and your child very seriously.

I look forward to meeting you so that you can learn more about the unparalleled offer that we have for your child.

Yours sincerely,



**James Hadley, Headteacher**



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James Hadley

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**Ages 11 to 19**

**DfE number** 202 / 4104

### Places available September 2018

210

### Open Evening

Wednesday 4 October, 5pm to 7pm

### Open Mornings

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11,

Thursday 12 October, 9.30 to 11am

### Sixth Form Open Events

Please contact us to arrange a one-to-one tour. Email: [office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk)





## Mission

We ensure that every student flourishes into a confident and highly competent young adult with the knowledge, skills, qualifications and attributes for a successful and fulfilling life.

We develop students' independence and resilience and we support them to become well-informed citizens who are well-prepared for a complex and competitive world.

We maintain a highly stimulating, friendly and supportive learning environment with a modern, expertly-designed building that is totally learning-focused so that all children thrive.

We build strong relationships with the children, families and community ensuring that every child has a seamless transition into their secondary education. Families who are new to us will quickly feel the benefit of our superb pastoral care.

We have very clear ambitions for our future to become a world class school with high aspirations, high expectations and high standards for every student.

## Curriculum

Our stimulating, innovative and creative curriculum is delivered by highly qualified and committed teachers who motivate students and prepare them for the demands of GCSE and Sixth Form qualifications. Our broad and engaging Year 7 and 8 curriculum accelerates learners' progress so that they are ready to begin their GCSEs in Year 9, one year earlier than most schools. This additional year allows for increased depth of study and support to deliver exam success and ensure that all are prepared for the next stage of their education.

With class sizes never more than 30, and often significantly lower, we tailor our teaching and support to match learners' talents, interests and needs.

As well as our regular communications regarding each child's progress, we actively encourage parents to raise questions or concerns, however small, so that we can work in partnership to ensure that each child is as successful as possible.

## Bright futures

Haverstock is a popular school with a proud history which continues to make significant improvement in all areas. We have high expectations at all times from all who study and work here because we know that success requires industry, resilience and perseverance from all. We will help each student to understand and embrace our unshakeable belief that excellence is chiefly a product not of innate talent but of determination and hard work.

Our position within Camden's family of schools continues to improve at GCSE and A Level and is projected to continue doing so.

## Experience for life

All of our students will be able to access our free Co-Curricular programme which is carefully designed to broaden their horizons and to develop new skills, hobbies and interests beyond what is formally taught. Highlights include:

- Our close partnership with the Roundhouse, including professionally run creative projects.
- Sporting activities such as rugby, football, basketball and trampolining with opportunities to represent the school in a range of local and national competitions.
- Camden Summer University programmes.
- Extensive partnerships between our Creative and Performing Arts departments and Olswang, the V&A, Wigmore Hall and the Royal Albert Hall.
- Our Havago volunteering programme which links our students with local community organisations and develops their skills of citizenship.

Our Co-Curricular programme is about more than just extending the school day; it's about developing character. Our students will become more determined, more committed, better at team work and more confident individuals and leaders who can compete with the best students in the country.

**"The range and variety of opportunities that the school provides for pupils is vast." Ofsted**

## Unique opportunities

Your child's tutor will be a regular point of contact and will ensure that every child is well known and nurtured throughout their time with us. We enjoy close links with local primary schools, having worked in partnership with them over many years. We run very effective summer programmes in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), literacy and numeracy, film-making, cooking, art and design, sport and performing arts.

We are outward-facing and work well beyond the school to establish unique relationships which promote community responsibility and active citizenship, whether it's building a school in Senegal, intergenerational projects within the community or innovative research projects with our higher education partners.

## Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form offers a range of A Level and BTEC courses. Sixth Form education and social facilities, which are located within the school, are of the highest standards and include state-of-the-art specialist resources for the teaching of science, media, ICT and photography. All departments have ICT suites and the Sixth Form boasts a common room and designated study area where they receive support from their Academic Coach.

All students have a specialised Sixth Form tutor to guide and support them through Years 12 and 13 and successfully into employment, training or university. Last year 96% of Year 13 students progressed onto university, with the remainder embarking on apprenticeships, work, volunteering projects or travel.

Our highly successful finance and creative, media, and science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) Careers Network is nationally acclaimed. Students benefit from a business mentor, access to lectures and networking events and a six-week, paid internship in the summer of Year 12 with prestigious global employers.



**"He has made many friends and bonded with his teachers. He has learned so much in one year and made constant progress throughout the year. What more could parents ask of their child's school? We are looking forward to next year as my son moves on to Year 8."**  
**Year 7 parent**



# La Sainte Union Catholic School



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Ages 11 to 18

DfE number 202 / 5401

Places available September 2018

180

## Open Evening

Thursday 21 September, 4pm to 7pm

## Open Afternoons

Wednesday 27 September and

Thursday 12 October, 2pm to 3.30pm

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



## School fact file

**"The school's commitment to the common good is outstanding. Its motto of 'Each for all and all for God' is clearly understood and lived out by the school community." Diocese of Westminster Inspection Report April 2016**

**"The parent survey carried out for this inspection demonstrates extremely high levels of satisfaction." Diocese of Westminster Inspection Report April 2016**

**"The school has an ethos where the school's values of tolerance, respect and compassion permeate throughout the curriculum." Ofsted 2016**

**Outstanding achievement and progress: LSU is in the top 12% of schools in the country for pupil progress at GCSE 2016. Outstanding student leadership opportunities, including Head of House, school committees and an award-winning Peer Mentor programme.**



## Mission

Our Catholic identity is at the core of all we do. We strive to provide a caring, secure environment in which pupils realise their own potential within a strong community of pupils, parents, governors and staff. We seek to ensure pupils feel a sense of belonging and a deep commitment to our Gospel values. The school focuses on educating the whole person, academically, socially, spiritually and morally through a curriculum centred on the needs and aspirations of all pupils. We aim for our pupils to:

- Have a clear set of values by which to live their lives
- Be motivated, creative and confident learners
- Be respectful of each other and value the diversity of our society
- Have a strong sense of personal and social responsibility
- Enjoy attending school and take an active part in their learning and school life.

## Curriculum

Our rigorous academic curriculum ensures broad progression pathways post-16 and there is a constant emphasis on high levels of literacy and pupils' development as independent learners. Lessons are engaging and planned to provide appropriate levels of challenge for all pupils. We are equally committed to developing pupils' skills and knowledge beyond the classroom: all year groups have regular trips and speakers to inspire them to consider careers in a wide range of fields.

## Bright futures

We have highly-committed and well-qualified staff who work tirelessly to ensure all pupils achieve their full academic potential.

Our Catholic curriculum permeates the pupils' educational experience.

The school provides an extensive programme of religious education and worship, including daily prayers, weekly Mass and a retreat programme for pupils.

Girls also feel safe and well cared for by strong pastoral teams and through an ethos and culture among students of kindness and respect for others.

**"Pupils and their teachers have high aspirations for their achievements, both culturally and academically."**  
Ofsted 2016

**"I feel confident at LSU and have made a lot of friends here. I have received tremendous support from all the staff. LSU is a caring community."**  
Year 7 pupil





**"The school has great teachers who encourage and engage my daughter to participate in activities so that she feels valued as a part of the LSU community. LSU continues to offer great support to my daughter, giving her every opportunity to share her experience, skills and thoughts." Year 8 parent**



## Experience for life

Pupils are expected to engage fully in the life of the school and are given extensive opportunities to organise key events such as assemblies, talent shows and charity fundraising.

Our extensive extracurricular programme in debating, drama, music and PE is a particular strength of the school with a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to showcase their talents and compete with other schools.

Pupils frequently win awards in debating, drama and sports. In addition, links with schools in France and Spain enhance both the language and cultural learning of students. Our peer mentors are one of our models of pupil leadership, ensuring Year 7 pupils quickly develop a sense of belonging to our community.

## Unique opportunities

- Beautiful grounds, including dedicated outdoor space for each year group
- Sustained strong academic achievement
- Biannual music trips to perform at European Cathedrals in Barcelona, Paris, Malta and Vienna.

## Sixth Form

We are a member of the LaSWAP Consortium, comprising La Sainte Union, William Ellis, Acland Burghley and Parliament Hill (see page 21).

One of the biggest benefits of working together is that it gives students far more choice than they could get in a single school Sixth Form. Students usually take the majority of their courses in their home-base school but most take one or more subjects elsewhere, especially as some of the more specialist subjects are taught on one site only (for example, music, classical civilisation and PE).

# Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ\*

## School fact file

**Maria Fidelis is a Roman Catholic co-educational school, rated outstanding by Westminster Diocese in April 2015.**

**We are a smaller than average secondary school with a supportive, family atmosphere.**

**Consistently above national averages for GCSE, in both progress and attainment measures.**

**Targeted programme for Gifted and Talented students from Year 7.**

**More able students are offered the opportunity to study Latin, Greek and triple science.**

## Mission

Our school began serving the local Catholic community in 1830 under the direction of Marie Madeleine D'Houet, founder of the religious order, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). The sisters are still involved in our school today, serving on our governing body and contributing to the spiritual life of the school.

Our vision is that FCJ schools are communities of personal and academic excellence. Strong in companionship, the unique giftedness of every person in these faith communities is recognised, nourished and celebrated. Our hope and expectation is that, through God's grace, working in us all, each young person grows into their best self, with zest for life and the generosity and confidence to use their talents and gifts in the service of others.

Our school is underpinned by our mission – growing together through Christ with courage, confidence and dignity.

## Curriculum

It is our expectation that the majority of students will follow a traditional, academic curriculum. The most able are identified early in Year 7 and are given the opportunity to study Latin. They are also mentored by graduates from Russell Group universities who monitor their progress and coach them for higher education.

Students are organised into broad ability bands in Years 7 and 8, with increased setting in key subjects as they progress up the school. We are committed to encouraging creativity. Subjects such as drama, music and art are key aspects of the students' experience in the Lower School.



*Maria Fidelis*  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL FCJ

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**Ages** 11 to 19

**DfE number** 202 / 4652

**Places available September 2018**  
150

### Open Evening

Thursday 5 October 2017, 4pm

### Open Mornings

9.30am to 10.30am every Tuesday  
(term-time) at the Lower School.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 9 November,  
4 to 6pm at the Upper School



\*FCJ - Faithful Companions of Jesus



## Bright futures

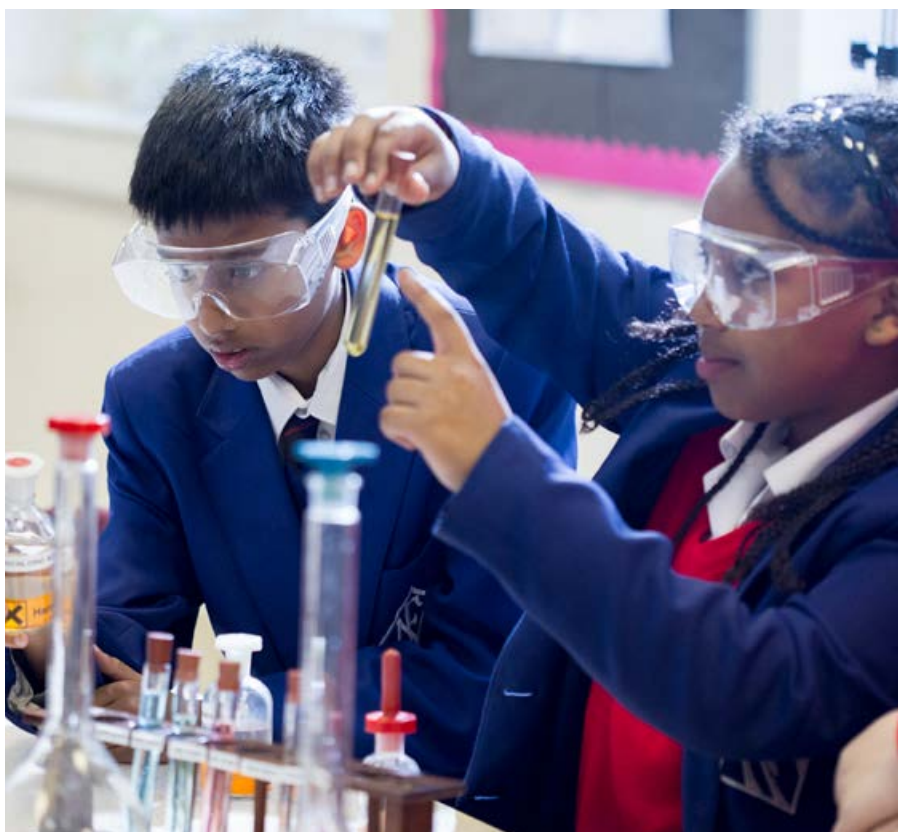
Each student is allocated a student support officer who provides pastoral and academic support for the year group. Our small size allows us to nurture each child as an individual, providing highly personalised support and challenge for all abilities. Progress is formally monitored four times a year and a rigorous intervention programme ensures students remain on target. The curriculum is differentiated to allow students of all abilities to be appropriately challenged and a substantial enrichment programme supports their holistic development. We are able to offer 'in house' instrumental lessons in piano, violin and guitar, while tuition for other instruments can be arranged through the Camden Music Service.

**"Maria Fidelis is a high-achieving school. The communications between parents and the school are great. I am really delighted with everything they have done for my child." Parent**

## Experience for life

We are committed to providing enrichment experiences for all our students and make regular use of the excellent local opportunities available to us, as well as offering national and international visits. These include:

- mentoring from City businesses such as Deloitte, opportunities to work with academics from leading scientific institutions and university departments and links with schools in France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. Our house system encourages students to develop their confidence and leadership skills through organising events, taking part in a range of challenging competitions and supporting younger members of the school community.



## Unique opportunities

- Over 79 trips throughout the year to support extracurricular learning
- Clubs ranging from debating to street dance, boxing to art club, police cadets to chess
- Key Stage 4 and 5 students have the opportunity to be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme at either silver or gold level
- Trips to Oxford and Cambridge from Year 9
- Links with leading independent schools to provide further challenge and broaden pupils' experience.



## Sixth Form

Maria Fidelis has a thriving Sixth Form which meets the academic and pastoral needs of our young adults, reflecting our underlying Catholic values.

These core values encourage all our students to reach their full potential, with support from our well-established pastoral team, academic mentors and tutorial programmes. We have excellent relationships with top universities including Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL and Durham and a wide variety of leading professional City organisations.

Our extensive enrichment programme supports our school ethos of aspiration and academic excellence. Carefully tailored and personalised work experience placements reflect this, and enable our students to meet their full potential. Placements in 2017 included: finance and law firms such as Deloitte and Allen & Overy; engineering and construction firms Laing O'Rourke and Crossrail; and in the medical field, Bupa, Royal Free and University College Hospitals. Students are encouraged to lead community-based activities for our school as well as charities and voluntary organisations, supported through the RE curriculum.

**"The outstanding headteacher sets clear direction and has high expectations."**  
**Ofsted**



# Parliament Hill School



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**Ages** 11 to 19

**DfE number** 202 / 4166

**Places available September 2018**  
180

**Open Evening**  
Thursday 28 September, 5 to 7.30pm

**Open Mornings**  
Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 and  
Thursday 5 October, 9 to 11am

**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm  
(pre-registration is required – see the  
school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



## School fact file

**Excellent academic success with continuously improving GCSE results, which are already above local and national averages.**

**An innovative, creative and rich curriculum, greatly enhanced by a wealth of extracurricular opportunities.**

**Students speak highly of the first-rate care and support for their wellbeing, provided by staff and specialist partners.**

**A national centre of excellence as a 'Leading Edge' and 'National Support' school, enabling sharing of expertise to ensure Parliament Hill School remains at the forefront of innovation in education.**

## Mission

Parliament Hill is a vibrant, innovative school where all girls receive the support, challenge and encouragement they need to become successful, confident and mature young women. We are exceptionally proud of our ambitious, diverse school community and it is very important to us that our students will recall their school life as memorable, enjoyable and successful.

Our aim is for Parliament Hill School to be:

- a world class centre of excellence for student and professional learning
- a place where all girls belong and where every girl is empowered to grow, to succeed and to lead
- a community where relationships are positive and respectful, responsibilities are embraced and successes are celebrated
- a creative environment where we are restless to improve and confident to try new things
- a dynamic hub for positive partnerships which enhance the life chances of Parli students and their community contribution.

## Curriculum

Students at Parliament Hill have access to an inspiring, broad and balanced curriculum, which stimulates and engenders a passion for learning.

Our forward-thinking curriculum builds on students' achievements at Key Stage 2 and prepares them for post-16 and lifelong learning. There is a focus on developing excellent literacy and numeracy skills, as well as a keen emphasis on science, technology and maths. We have excellent specialist facilities to support learning in design, media and performing arts, as well as continually upgrading ICT facilities. Our teaching expertise extends across all subjects so students excel in science, languages and humanities as well as in creative areas.

## Bright futures

As a result of our broad and balanced curriculum students gain, on average, nine GCSEs. We are proud to be a high-achieving school with a strong record of student progress and attainment in a range of subjects, which compares very well with leading schools nationally. Many of our subject results and value added scores are in the top five per cent for schools nationally.

The numbers of applicants going to university from our Sixth Form is above national averages, with over a quarter gaining places at Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Sixth Formers follow a tailored programme of higher education and careers advice and guidance.

## Experience for life

Students benefit from a wide range of extracurricular activities, including regular drama productions, dance shows and music concerts. We have clubs ranging from trampolining to technology, creative writing to cooking and cheerleading to animation, plus a variety of sports. We are proud three-time winners of the Camden Shield.

There are many visits to museums, theatres and galleries and a strong programme of residential and field trips, visits abroad, adventure challenges and outdoor sports, as well as the extremely popular Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Debating is thriving – many of our students have competed passionately in the Urban Debating League and the Debate Mate Cup. Students enjoy debating. They can see its academic benefits and they gain confidence from it.



**“My daughter will leave Parliament Hill with an excellent rounded education and with tangible life skills that not many young people will have experienced.”** Year 10 parent





**“Students’ behaviour is outstanding. They feel very safe, and are proud and happy to be at school.” Ofsted**



## Unique opportunities

As part of our commitment to raising students’ aspirations and achievement, Parliament Hill School organises a full programme of work experience, mentoring, higher education visits, workshops and presentations in collaboration with our external partners, for example, Matrix Chambers, Deloitte, Sky Broadcasting, the British Library and prestigious universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, St George’s Medical School, Imperial College, the Royal Veterinary College, London School of Economics and UCL. There are many opportunities for students to have genuine leadership roles.

For example, girls can:

- co-plan lessons with teachers
- research current educational issues
- sit on a student interview panel
- run mini-workshops as lead literacy learners
- be elected to the Student Council
- host visitors, including international guests
- act as maths mentors.

Our outstanding pastoral provision includes therapeutic intervention through counselling and support for emotional wellbeing for students across the school. We have a designated wellbeing manager who co-ordinates provision across the school.

## Sixth Form

Parliament Hill runs a very successful Sixth Form and is part of a long-standing partnership with our neighbouring boys’ school William Ellis and local schools Acland Burghley and La Sainte Union. Together our four schools form the successful, well-established LaSWAP Consortium, providing students with access to an extensive range of course options delivered by specialist teaching staff and complemented by excellent careers and higher education advice. We are proud of the success of our Sixth Form provision, confirmed by the high numbers of students who choose to stay with us at the end of Year 11, our exam results and the strong progression of students into prestigious universities and a wide range of careers.

# Regent High School

## School fact file

**Award-winning, state-of-the-art building: providing incredible facilities for the young people of Camden and beyond.**

**Thriving partnerships: membership of the King's Cross Knowledge Quarter and partnerships with organisations including the Francis Crick Institute, UCL, Regent's University London, the Roundhouse and the British Library.**

**Excellent pastoral care: students are welcomed into our community through their dedicated year teams and our excellent primary liaison programme.**

**Passport to the future: a thriving Sixth Form with former students progressing to Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL, Queen Mary, University of London and Central Saint Martins.**

## Mission

### Ambition / Inspiration / Opportunity

Academic success and student achievement are integral to Regent High School's ethos as an 11 to 19 co-educational comprehensive school.

Our award-winning building provides our students and the local community with unrivalled learning and recreational facilities in the heart of one of the most dynamic areas of London. Our global, outward-looking approach to teaching and learning develops students who are confident, independent and resilient global citizens of the 21st century with limitless aspirations. All students are challenged by our inspiring and dynamic curriculum to realise their full potential, pursue new interests and develop the skills required for future success.

As the first school member of the Knowledge Quarter, our many successful and varied partnerships with prestigious organisations prepare students for higher education, develop excellent employability skills and promote an understanding of the global world of work.

Regent Sixth Form also has an excellent track record of success. Former students have progressed on to higher education and into highly successful careers in medicine, law, teaching, journalism, architecture, finance and marketing.

## Curriculum

Our dynamic and enthusiastic specialist teachers deliver an innovative and personalised curriculum, with a clear focus on achievement in the core subjects that supports students' learning across all areas.

Every student experiences cultural and creative learning within and beyond the classroom and is given opportunities to work with leading arts professionals. This is mirrored by an extensive range of opportunities to learn in science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects so that our students have a solid understanding of some of the most vibrant study and employment sectors in London and internationally.



**REGENT**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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**Ages** 11 to 19

**DfE number** 202 / 4196

**Places available September 2018**  
180

### Open Evening

Thursday 12 October 2017, 4.30 to 7.30pm

### Open Mornings

Most Wednesdays throughout the year and Monday 18, Tuesday 26 September, Friday 6 and Thursday 19 October, 9am to 10.30am

### Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 9 November 2017, 4pm to 6.30pm  
Sixth Form Taster Evening: Thursday 18 January 2018, 4pm to 6pm



## REGENT HIGH SCHOOL



### Bright futures

Success for our students begins when they join Regent High School, and continues beyond school into higher education and employment. Students develop key skills and interests throughout their time at Regent High School. Students in Years 12 and 13 are annually selected to be Student Leaders, working alongside their elected counterparts on the School Council.

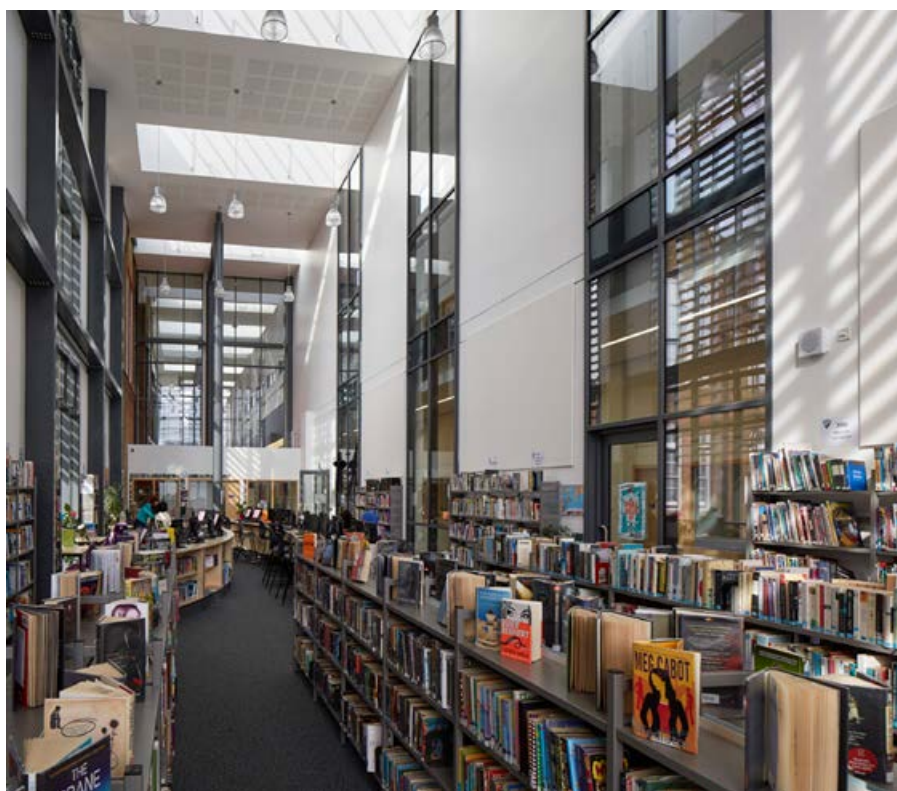
Progression on to higher education is excellent, with former students gaining places at the LSE, UCL, Queen Mary, University of London and Central Saint Martins, as well as a range of universities beyond London, to study subjects including government and economics, chemistry, English, biomedical sciences, sociology, theatre arts, sport and exercise science, among many others.

### Experience for life

Students are encouraged and supported to participate in our wide range of extracurricular activities. These include clubs, visits to universities, workshops and trips abroad. Furthermore, students gain valuable leadership experience and training by being Student Leaders and participating in sports activities.

Many students benefit from mentoring and coaching opportunities with staff from partner organisations. Our partners also provide opportunities for students to learn about higher education, training and employment through alumni visiting to speak about their careers, and by participating in a range of employer engagement opportunities. Through these additional opportunities, students discover new interests, develop vital life-skills, such as teamwork and leadership, and become more independent.

**"My favourite thing about Regent High School is the quality and effort put into lessons and how entertaining they can be." Year 7 student**



## Unique opportunities

Our pastoral system supports students to move from primary to secondary school and to settle into Regent High School. All students have focused sessions each day with their dedicated tutor. Each year group is led by a Head of Year, and our pastoral system enables us to build excellent relationships with all students, parents and carers.

Our central London location means we are a centre of innovation and enterprise, while our ever-growing network of partners continues to be a resource in which we take great pride. Membership of the King's Cross Knowledge Quarter and our local, national and international partnerships with organisations across all industries and sectors – including education, research, business, culture and community – mean we are able to provide unique, inspiring and unrivalled opportunities for our students, parents/carers and staff.

## Sixth Form

Regent Sixth Form offers a personalised, stimulating and challenging post-16 experience designed to support and extend our students' aspirations and enable them to develop first-class skills for further study and employment. Our post-16 curriculum is enhanced by a wealth of inspiring opportunities for Sixth Formers to assume posts of responsibility and leadership and develop an extensive range of core skills, including independence, initiative and confidence. Our ambitious Sixth Form has an excellent track record of success.

High academic expectations, coupled with extensive advice and support on higher education, UCAS applications and career options, enable our students to progress to a range of courses at respected higher education institutions and to enjoy successful careers across a range of industries and professions.



**“When I started at Regent High School I most looked forward to learning new things, meeting new people and making new friends. Regent High School is a friendly environment and it will always put a smile on your face no matter where you go!” Year 8 student**

# The UCL Academy



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Ages 11 to 19

DfE number 202 / 4000

Year 7 places available  
September 2018  
180

## Foundation open evening (2018/19 entry)

Tuesday 3 October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm

## Foundation open day (2018/19 entry)

Wednesday 11 October,  
11.15am to 1pm

## Sixth Form (2018/19 entry)

Tuesday 7 November,  
4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Please see website for tickets  
to open events.



## School fact file

**Sponsored by one of the world's top ranking universities, University College London (UCL).**

**Strong learning culture with excellent, inspiring and imaginative teaching across the curriculum.**

**Emphasis on the education of the 'whole person' with specialist areas of science, engineering, maths and languages.**

**Each student belongs to the same 'house' for the whole duration of their time at the Academy.**

## Introduction from the Principals

The UCL Academy is sponsored by UCL with specialisms in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and languages. We are a centre of learning and a hub for the local community.

UCL is an institution founded to ensure equality of access to education, so UCL Academy strives to support students from all walks of life. The UCL Academy is not a selective school.

Working with our sponsor, we have built an inspiring school which supports young people to develop as individuals, to set and achieve high targets for themselves.

The UCL Academy provides its students with an education for Global Citizenship by:

- Establishing a strong learning culture with excellent, creative and imaginative teaching across the curriculum
- Putting emphasis on independent and collaborative learning, student choice and programmes of study which are tailored to individual interests, aspirations and progress
- Reviewing students' learning and progress on a regular basis
- Giving each student mentoring support to ensure they make positive decisions about their academic career.

Thank you for your interest in the UCL Academy.

**Robin Street and Simon McBride  
(Co-Principals)**

## Mission

The UCL Academy is an exciting and inspiring place to learn, with high quality teaching and outstanding facilities. We offer:

- A strong learning culture with excellent, creative and imaginative teaching across the curriculum
- An innovative learning environment
- Opportunities for learners to make choices
- Regular reviews and assessment of students' learning and progress
- A strong commitment to mentoring by staff, students and UCL undergraduates to ensure that every student is supported to achieve and thrive as an individual
- A safe, positive learning environment
- Access to the resources and expertise of our renowned university sponsor.

A major feature of the UCL Academy is 'education for global citizenship'. We are committed to preparing students for the intellectual, social and personal challenges of their future lives and careers. Our curriculum and ethos shape students' understanding of their social responsibilities and what it means to be a global citizen. Students benefit from curriculum choice and a wide variety of opportunities to determine what they study. In return, they will be expected to maintain high standards of work and behaviour. Our self-directed curriculum engages students in a broad range of extracurricular activities.

## Connected Curriculum

We offer a broad Connected Curriculum, specialising in maths, science and engineering, with every student studying at least one modern foreign language. Our curriculum and teaching are stimulating and innovative, and enriched by our links with our prestigious sponsor, UCL. This, combined with an emphasis on high standards and behaviour, results in strong academic progress and attainment.

In their first year at the Academy, the Foundation Level, students develop effective learning skills and identify their targets for future progress. As they progress through to Level 2 (Year 10), students are given a broad range of options for their GCSEs with expert guidance every step of the way.

## Bright futures

- Curriculum specialisms – science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and modern foreign languages
- English, the Connected Curriculum, and our education of the whole child, are recognised as areas of excellence
- Humanities, performing arts and sport are vital aspects of the students' education
- High-quality facilities and connections to UCL's ethic of excellence with high academic standards
- Outstanding provision with input from university academics.

**"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding." Ofsted 2016**

**"UCL is one of the top universities in the UK. Sponsorship of an Academy allows us to provide access to new ways of learning for students and expose them to 'life at university', supporting students of all ability levels to higher levels of attainment and enthusiasm for further study." Sponsor UCL**



**"I am very lucky to be able to do self-directed learning here at the Academy. It gives me the ability to develop myself as a whole person. At the Academy, we believe in developing our mind, body, heart and soul." Sonal Jayasena, Level 2**

## Experience for life

- **Developing aptitude in specialisms:** Building confidence in STEM subjects and encouraging students to think independently
- **Internationalism:** A focus on modern foreign languages and the advantages/opportunities this may bring, including international trips and long-term career benefits
- **Working with external organisations:** This prepares students for further education and the workplace. Our links with UCL bring many advantages, for example, visits to UCL, UCL student mentors for Level 1 (Year 8) and 3 (Sixth Form), and guest UCL lecturers all contribute to raising aspirations and preparing students for life at university

- **Location:** The Academy benefits from a central location, offering students additional opportunities and experiences to raise aspirations, such as visits to local areas of educational interest and regular engagement with UCL
- **Careers advice and guidance:** A range of enrichment opportunities designed to give students confidence in their own abilities and to provide them with the kinds of experience that employers and university admissions tutors will really value.

## Unique opportunities

- Students take early responsibility for their learning through a comprehensive self-directed curriculum as part of the Academy's extended day
- We support students to gain qualifications – but their successes in art, cultural activities, sport, music and community service are also celebrated and rewarded. This includes partnerships with ENO, Slade College of Fine Art and Central School of Speech and Drama
- PE plays an important role in the Academy, with a sports hall, an indoor and outdoor gym and a dance studio on site
- The Academy has state-of-the-art facilities for the teaching of science, including a science demonstration theatre which allows UCL academics and Academy staff to stage interactive experiments
- Students have 'encounters with excellence' built into their educational experience.

## Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form (we call it Level 3) currently specialises in science, engineering and maths but will continue to expand and develop alongside the Academy.

We offer post-16 students a distinctive and stimulating curriculum, complemented and enriched by an international perspective on their studies. Teaching is enriched by contributions from UCL's academics and Level 3 students also benefit from access to the university's facilities. Sixty per cent of our Sixth Form students go on to Russell Group universities.



# William Ellis School

## School fact file

**William Ellis School has a unique 150-year history and strong academic tradition behind it.**

**Residential facility in the Surrey Hills for activity camps and study trips.**

**Curriculum with a solid academic core and outstanding English Baccalaureate results.**

**Committed to developing leadership, determination and teamwork for "success in life" through our rich curricular and extracurricular provision.**

## Our vision and aims

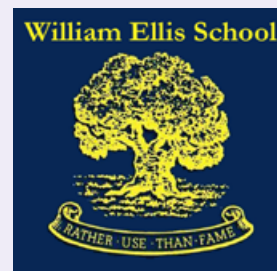
We are a distinctive, dynamic, diverse school. Our vision is to create an environment built on pride, self-discovery, developing leadership, passion for learning and acquiring skills for life. We emphasise the dignity of the individual and promote respect for others.

We are a school where students:

- have ambition, work hard and make excellent progress
- feel supported, welcomed and respected for their individuality
- know their rights and responsibilities and are prepared to be responsible, global citizens in a democratic society
- possess an informed understanding of the world of work and how wealth is created with an awareness of ethical behaviour, respect for the environment and social justice
- cultivate creative skills and an appreciation of art, music and drama
- develop an interest in the wider world and other cultures
- have pride in their school and have high expectations for themselves and their peers.

## Our curriculum

All boys follow a curriculum with a strong academic core but, as boys get older, they opt for different pathways reflecting their aptitudes and ambitions. We maintain flexibility, challenge and breadth. We offer a range of science courses and triple science is a popular choice. Most boys will study one foreign language and some study two, while others may take a more vocational route.



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**Ages** 11 to 19

**DfE number** 202 / 4688

**Places available September 2018**  
130

### Open evening

Thursday 28 September, 6 to 8pm

### Open mornings

Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 and  
Thursday 5 October, 9 to 10.30am

### Sixth Form evening

Thursday 16 November, 5 to 7.30pm  
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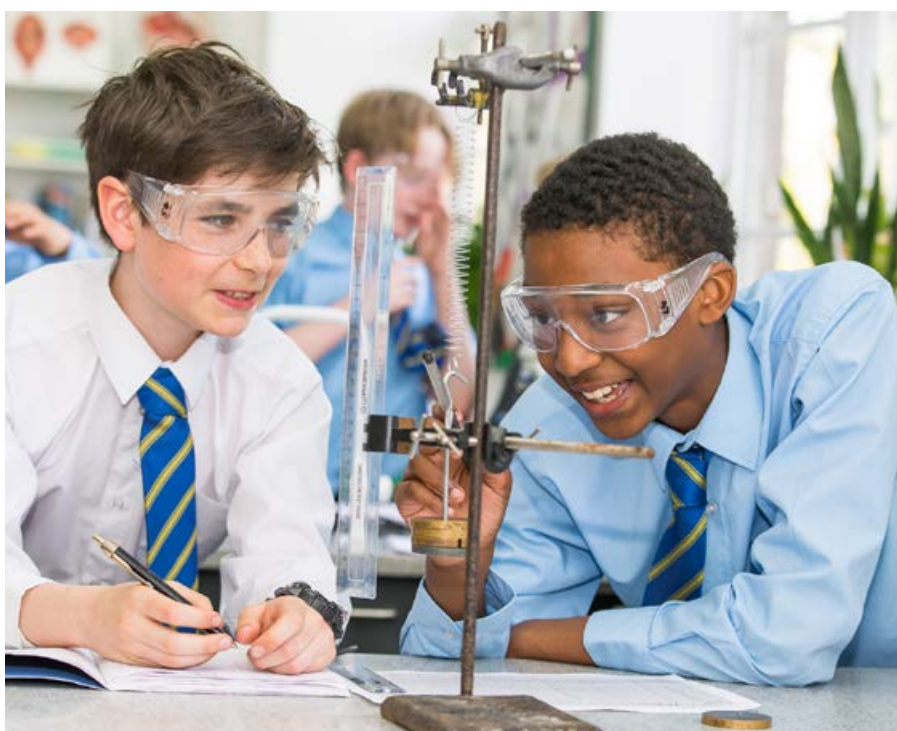
## Bringing out the best in boys

Our committed and highly-qualified teachers are experienced in bringing the best out in boys. We believe that boys achieve their full potential if they enjoy their work and find it stimulating and challenging. Courses are designed to assist each boy to achieve his personal best in terms of progress and academic achievement.

We prepare our students for later life by developing independent learning skills and by exploring important issues through our comprehensive personal development programme.

**“Music, sport and outdoor learning are important areas of the school’s life. These all play an important part in developing pupils’ confidence and resilience.” Ofsted 2017**

**“William Ellis School provides pupils with a rounded education that develops them into confident young men. Their behaviour is good, as is their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.” Ofsted 2017**



- The house system provides more opportunities for student leadership.
- The five houses complement the pastoral care provided by our Heads of Year and personal tutors in small tutor groups.
- The educational charity City Year provides a team of young adult volunteers, identifiable by their bright red jackets, to work with our boys to help them enjoy and succeed through: mentoring; helping in lessons; leading clubs, break-time and lunchtime activities. They run events such as International Evening, where we celebrate our diversity, and assist with day trips and residential journeys. These young role models are popular with students and enable a wider range of enrichment activities.

Future First, the national alumni network for state schools founded by William Ellis students, leads a number of career workshops every year. Opportunities are also explored through projects and workshops with local and national businesses. All Year 10 boys have work experience and many attend university open days.

## Life at William Ellis

Our philosophy is to provide a wide range of extracurricular opportunities and enrichment activities, particularly in music, drama and sport, as well as residential trips in the UK and abroad. Such activities develop leadership and team working skills and characteristics such as resilience, creativity and resourcefulness. The school makes full use of its proximity to Hampstead Heath and to central London to facilitate these opportunities.

We foster participation and healthy competition through curricular and extracurricular sport and partnerships with the Rugby Football Union and Arsenal Football Club. We encourage a variety of sports: rugby, football, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, basketball, cross-country running, table tennis and volleyball.

Music has a special place in the school. We have a large number of visiting specialist teachers. Applications from boys with musical ability are encouraged; 10% of places are for boys with musical aptitude. Students' confidence and skills are developed through workshops and performances with organisations ranging from the Royal Academy of Music to the London Jazz Festival.

The Mill, our residential centre, set in 10 acres of the Surrey Hills, enables outward-bound activities, Duke of Edinburgh's Award training and study trips.

## Sixth Form

We run a highly-successful, coeducational Sixth Form which is part of the popular, well-established LaSWAP consortium, which also includes Parliament Hill, La Sainte Union and Acland Burghley schools. The four schools work together to provide an extensive range of courses, run by specialist teaching staff and complemented by an excellent enrichment programme, as well as personalised career advice. The success of our Sixth Form provision is confirmed by the excellent progression of students into prestigious universities and a wide range of careers.



**"Social inclusion is at the heart of the school's ethos and culture. The school makes good efforts to nurture all pupils, regardless of their background."**  
**Ofsted 2017**



# Allocation of places in 2016 and 2017

The allocation of places for admission to Camden secondary schools for the previous two years are provided here. The table below details the cut off distances (measured in miles) beyond which applicants were initially not admitted when the offers were published in March 2016 and March 2017.

School	2017 (distances)	2016 (distances)
Acland Burghley School	2.66	*
Camden School for Girls Band A:	0.67	1.08
Band B:	0.44	0.53
Band C:	0.81	0.57
Band D:	0.42	0.68
Hampstead School	1.93	1.36
Haverstock School	*	*
La Sainte Union Catholic School	*	*
Maria Fidelis School FCJ	*	*
Parliament Hill School	1.57	1.60
Regent High School	*	*
UCL Academy	0.76	0.72
William Ellis School	1.35	1.95

\* Note: not applicable

Please remember that these are only guidelines and the final decision whether to make an application rests with the parent. You can check how far you live from a Camden school by visiting [camden.gov.uk/admissions](http://camden.gov.uk/admissions).

The table below details the number of places offered under the remaining criteria for the previous two years at the time offers were published.

School	Looked-after children		Special educational needs		Siblings		Medical / social	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Acland Burghley School	3	1	10	9	31	34	2	0
Camden School for Girls	6	2	3	1	34	27	0	1
Hampstead School	0	1	3	7	54	55	1	1
Haverstock School	0	1	1	6	41	52	1	0
La Sainte Union	1	0	1	1	*	*	*	*
Maria Fidelis	0	0	8	1	*	*	*	*
Parliament Hill	0	1	4	2	27	29	0	1
Regent High	1	1	7	5	50	43	0	2
UCL Academy	0	1	8	8	61	52	1	1
William Ellis	0	0	1	0	19	17	3	2

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## **Southwark Council**

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## **Tower Hamlets Council**

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## **Wandsworth Council**

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London SW18 2PU  
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Kensington Town Hall,  
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## Useful contacts

### **Department for Education**

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith St,  
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Telephone: 0370 000 2288  
[gov.uk/dfe](http://gov.uk/dfe)

### **Ofsted**

Piccadilly Gate, Store Street  
Manchester M1 2WD  
Telephone: 0300 123 1231  
E: [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk)  
[ofsted.gov.uk](http://ofsted.gov.uk)

### **Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)**

72 Durnsford Rd  
London N11 2EJ  
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E: [enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk)  
[ace-ed.org.uk](http://ace-ed.org.uk)

### **Independent Schools Council**

First Floor, 27 Queen Anne's Gate  
London SW1H 9BU  
Telephone: 020 7766 7070  
[isc.co.uk](http://isc.co.uk)

### **Local Government Ombudsman**

PO Box 4771, Coventry CV4 0EH  
Telephone: 0300 061 0614  
or text 'call back' to 0762 481 1595  
[lgo.org.uk](http://lgo.org.uk)

### **The Office of the Schools Adjudicator**

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Darlington DL1 5QE  
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[education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator](http://education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator)

# Frequently asked questions about secondary schools

## Does the co-ordinated admissions scheme improve my chances of getting a place at my preferred school?

Not necessarily. Camden schools are extremely popular and there are usually more applications than places available. Camden Council can only offer places up to the schools' published admissions number. Therefore you are advised to be realistic when choosing your preferences to have the best chance of securing a school place.

## Do the Key Stage 2 test results for my child affect their chance of securing a school place?

The Key Stage 2 test results do not form part of the admissions criteria for any of Camden's community or voluntary aided schools or UCL Academy, so your child's results will not be considered.

## Who determines a school's admissions criteria?

Camden Council determines the admissions criteria to be used when deciding who will be offered a place at any oversubscribed Camden community school and the voluntary aided schools have their own board of governors who decide their criteria. The UCL Academy has the same admissions criteria as Camden community schools. Each year a statutory consultation process takes place before the admissions criteria are determined.

## Will my child receive support from an education psychologist if needed?

Every school has the support of an educational psychologist; a specialist on how children and young people develop and learn. They may be asked to help when students show difficulties in learning or behaviour and will only work with a child if the parents agree. Parents themselves may ask for their help through the school or directly through the Camden Educational Psychology Service on 020 7974 6500.

## What is the job of the education welfare officer?

Education welfare officers work with schools and families to ensure that children attend school and to offer help and advice where appropriate. Parents should contact the school first but can also contact the Education Welfare Service on 020 7974 7162.

## How will I find out about my child's progress?

Schools maintain a progress record for each child and these are available for parents to see. Arrangements are usually made for parents to discuss the record each year with their child's teachers. When children transfer to secondary school, the record is passed on to the new school.

## Is my child entitled to claim free school meals?

Once your child has a full-time school place you can apply for free school meals for them if you receive the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-based employment and support allowance
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit\*
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS).

\*Special circumstances: if receiving Working Tax Credit (WTC) you will not be entitled to free school meals unless you are still getting WTC because you have stopped work in the last four weeks; or reduced your hours to fewer than 16 in the last four weeks.

Young people in receipt of income support and income based jobseeker's allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, it is very important that you apply for them even if your child eats a packed lunch. This is because the amount of money a school receives from central government is dependent on the number of children entitled to free school meals.

Please contact your child's current school for more details or Camden's Free School Meals service on 020 7974 5771. To apply for free school meals please complete the online application form available from the Camden website, [camden.gov.uk](http://camden.gov.uk)

### **Is my child entitled to free school travel?**

Bus passes for children aged under 18 living in a London borough and in full-time education are now issued free of charge by Transport for London. To obtain one please call 03432 220 000.

If you choose to send your child to a school further away when there is a school nearer your home with a place, you must pay the travel costs if any. If you think your child might have a serious medical, social or other reason why they would need transport to and from school, you should ask for your case to be given special consideration. If you think your child might have a right to free travel, or if you would like a copy of the policy, you should email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk) or telephone the Camden Admissions Team on **020 7974 1625**.

### **Is there any other financial support for my child that I could apply for?**

Parents should note that due to changes to funding arrangements, Camden Council is unable to provide clothing grants for school students or 16 to 19 maintenance grants for either school or college students. Post-16 students can contact their school or college for information about any available financial assistance. If you are in receipt of benefits, please seek further advice on financial assistance from the agency providing the benefits or contact Camden's Welfare Rights and Benefits Advice Centres. For information on how to contact these centres visit your local library or [camden.gov.uk](http://camden.gov.uk).

### **Will I need to buy any text books for my child?**

Camden Council provides all books required for the curriculum, via the secondary schools.



# List of educational terms

## Academies

Publicly-funded independent schools, free from local authority control. Academies are primarily all-ability schools and have greater freedoms and flexibilities.

## Admissions criteria

The conditions set by the local authority for community schools, or the governing body for voluntary aided schools and academies that are used to decide whether or not a place can be offered to a child.

## A Level

Advanced Level General Certificate of Education, a two-year course usually taken at the age of 17 to 18.

## AS Level

Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education, qualifications in their own right that will no longer contribute to A Levels.

## BTEC

Vocational qualifications, providing a practical approach to learning, with skills development and theoretical knowledge.

## Community schools

Built, maintained and staffed by the local authority, which is also responsible for admitting pupils.

## Common Application Form

The form that you complete to make your application. You must obtain it from the local authority of the borough in which you live and to whom you pay your Council Tax. You may name up to six schools from any local authority on it.

## DfE

Department for Education, responsible for education and children's services.

## English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

Recognises where students have achieved an A\* to C grade at GCSE in five subject areas: English, maths, sciences, a language and a humanities subject.

## Free School

A new type of all-ability state school set up independently from the local authority with the agreement of the government. Visit [www.gov.uk/dfe](http://www.gov.uk/dfe) to find out more. The WAC Alternative Provision Free School on page 57 is not a typical free school as it only takes referrals.

## GCSE

General Certificate of Secondary Education, the main academic qualifications taken by 14 to 16 year-olds.

## Independent schools

Funded by fees paid by parents and income from investments, and responsible for setting their own curriculum and admissions policies.

## Key Stage 3

The national curriculum taught during the first three years of secondary school, when students are aged 11 to 14.

## Key Stage 4

The national curriculum incorporating GCSEs and other examinations, taught in Years 10 and 11 of secondary schools, when students are aged 14 to 16.

## Local authority

The Council that is responsible for education in each area.

## Looked-after children

A child who is, or has previously been, in the care of a local authority, either in foster care or a children's home, or a previously looked-after child who was adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked-after.

## National Curriculum

State secondary schools have to teach the following core subjects at Key Stage 3: English, maths, science, design and technology, computing, history, geography, modern foreign languages, art and design, music, citizenship, PE, RE and PSHE. Academies have greater freedom to design their curriculum but must include English, maths, science and RE. A new national curriculum was introduced in September 2014.

## Ofsted

Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. This is the independent government department responsible for inspecting schools and regulating services which care for children and young people and provide education and skills for learners of all ages.

## Oversubscribed

When the number of applications for a school exceeds the number of places available.

## Pan-London

A co-ordinated admissions scheme that allows the transfer of admissions applications between boroughs.

## Parent

In this booklet the term parent includes carers and legal guardians.

## Pastoral care

Arrangements for the welfare of individual pupils and the provision of the support which fosters all aspects of student learning and achievement.

## Preference

A school named by the parents that they would like their child to attend. It is not always possible to meet parental preference.

### Published Admissions Number

The number of children that a school will admit for a particular year group.

### Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn or to access education than most children of the same age.

### Subjects:

- ICT – information and communications technology
- PE – physical education
- RE – religious education
- PSHE – personal, social and health education
- STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths.

### Voluntary aided school

A school owned and run by trustees (usually a religious body) and funded by the local authority. The governors are responsible for the provision of the premises, the maintenance of the school and the appointment and dismissal of staff. Voluntary aided schools are also responsible for their own admissions. However, parents still need to fill in a Camden common application form listing all schools they are applying for and, if an offer is received, it will come from the Council. Some voluntary aided schools require parents to complete a supplementary form as well as the common application form.

### Waiting list

The list held, for an oversubscribed school, of the children who did not get a place. As places become available, children are offered a place from the top of this list. The waiting list is held in order of the admissions criteria.

### Work experience

A well-established programme where students in Years 10 to 11 spend two weeks in a work environment.

## 14 to 19 education

### University Technical Colleges (UTCs)

Technical academies for 14 to 19 year-olds. UTCs have university and employer sponsors and combine practical and academic studies. They specialise in subjects that need technical, industry-standard equipment – such as engineering and construction – which are taught alongside business skills and ICT.

For further information, details of colleges in the London area and how to apply, please visit [utcolleges.org](http://utcolleges.org)

### Studio Schools

Schools for 14 to 19 year-olds, backed by local businesses and employers. They often have a specialism but focus on equipping young people with a wide range of job-related skills and core academic qualifications, run in a practical and project-based way.

For further information, details of schools in the London area and how to apply, please visit [studioschoolstrust.org](http://studioschoolstrust.org)

### FE College

College for further education which offers provision for students aged 16 to 19 and some aged 14 to 16. Westminster Kingsway is Camden's only FE college.

### Wac Arts College

Wac Arts College provides alternative education for 14 to 19 year-olds, delivered through a creative curriculum of arts and media. The college, based at Hampstead Town Hall, consolidates 30 years' experience in arts and media education to work with young people referred by their secondary schools.

A large part of the curriculum is delivered through performing arts and digital media classes with life skills, literacy and numeracy embedded in the sessions. The creative curriculum is varied and innovative, giving equal status to non-western art forms and starts with the subjects that young people connect with, such as popular music, street dance and TV production. They then move on to areas such as voice and text work, music, animation and dance.

**Entrance is via referral from your child's secondary school.** To find out more, email [info@wacarts.co.uk](mailto:info@wacarts.co.uk), phone **020 7692 5860** or visit [wacartscollege.co.uk](http://wacartscollege.co.uk)

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**Camden Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils**

# **Moving On Event 2017**

**When:** Thursday 14 September, from 3.30 to 6.30pm

**Where:** The Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross,  
London WC1H 9AU

**Your opportunity to:**

- Find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer
- Receive advice on how to apply and the admissions process from the Camden Admissions Team
- Speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from each of the Camden secondary schools
- Register to attend at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)
- Search for 'Camden Moving On 2017'.

We look forward to meeting you. This event is aimed at adults, rather than children.  
Any children attending are the sole responsibility of their parents.



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**DO YOU KNOW  
SOMEONE WHO HAS  
USED A FALSE ADDRESS TO  
GET A SCHOOL PLACE?**

You do not need to tell us who you are. Please give us as much information as possible so that we can investigate the matter fully. If we find that a school place was obtained using a false address we will withdraw our offer and give it to the child who was entitled to the place. In such cases, we will withdraw our offer even after the child has started school.

Camden screens all applications through a credit reference check and, where there are concerns about an application, we may ask for additional information to prove the validity of their application. You can report this to us confidentially on

020 7974 1625 or email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk)

**Email:** [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk)  
**Website:** [camden.gov.uk/admissions](http://camden.gov.uk/admissions)

