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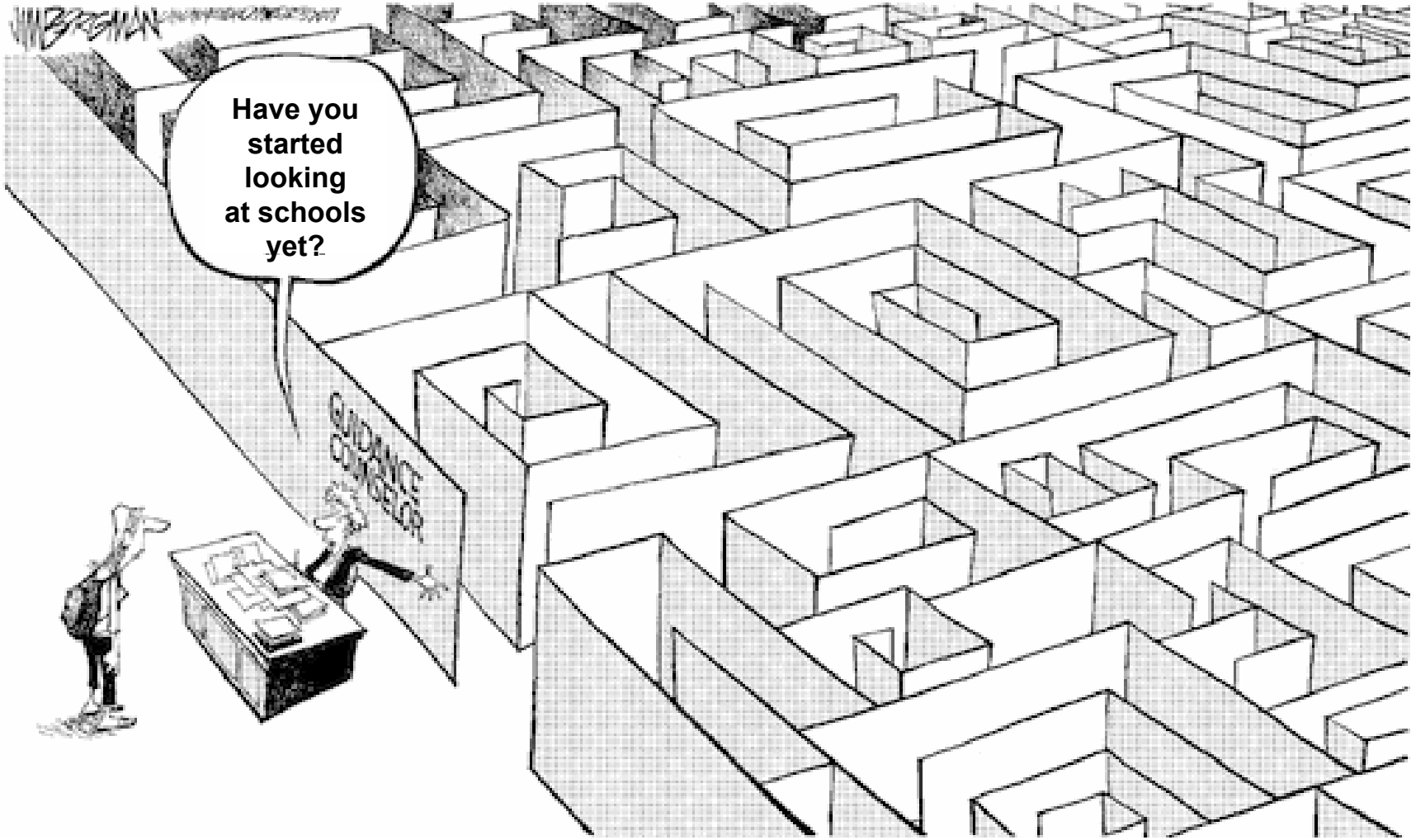
Choosing a school



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- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- Who can help me make that decision?

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- Talk to your child
  - find out what they want
  - consider how they will travel to school

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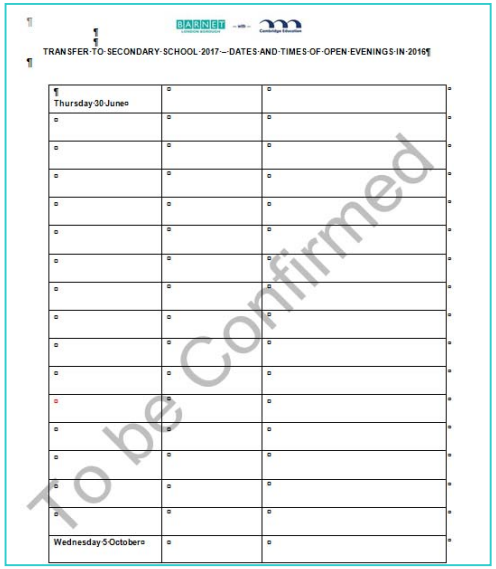
Choosing a school

- Visit the schools
  - go to the open evenings
  - talk to the teachers
  - talk to the pupils
- When are the open evenings?
  - from Thursday 30 June – Wednesday 5 October


TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2017 – DATES AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENINGS IN 2016

Thursday 30 June		
Wednesday 5 October		

To be Confirmed

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School Prospectus

- Read the school prospectus
  - it will have detailed information about:
    - how the school is run
    - which subjects are taught
    - the admissions criteria
  - available at the open evenings
  - download from the school website

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- Talk to the Choice Advisor

  - how do I contact them?
    - tel: 020 8359 7592
    - email: choice.advice@barnet.gov.uk

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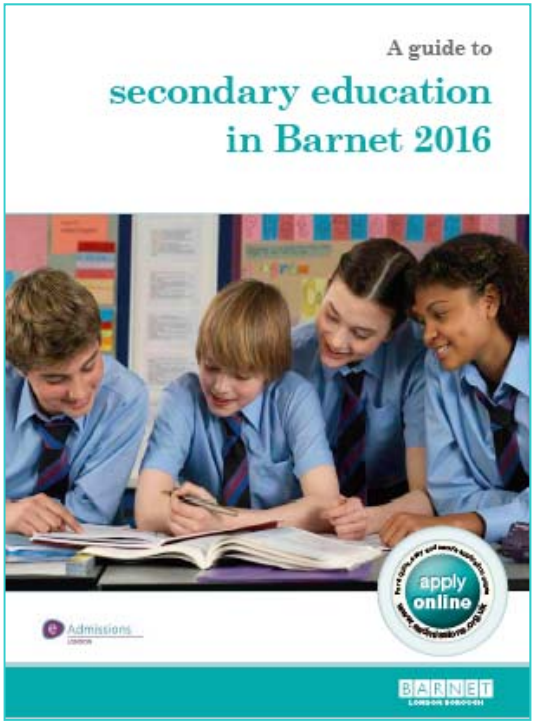
- Read the secondary education booklet published by your home local authority



- the 2017 booklet will be available in September 2016
- download Barnet's booklet at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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- Talk to the Customer Service Team
  - the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
  - how do I contact them?
    - tel: 020 8359 7651
    - email: school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk
    - if you live outside Barnet, you will find the contact details for your admissions team in Barnet's secondary education booklet

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- Look at exam results and Ofsted reports
  - the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website **www.ofsted.gov.uk**
  - achievement and attainment tables are available at **www.education.gov.uk/school-performance-tables**

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- Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school
  - selection by aptitude
  - faith criteria
  - siblings
  - distance

Cut-off Distances 1 March 2016

Name of School	Furthest distance offered (miles)
The Archer Academy (Priority Post Codes)	0.522
Ashmole School	0.755
Christ's College	6.618
The Compton School	0.775
Copthall School	5.275
East Barnet School	0.913
Friern Barnet	5.081
London Academy	4.666
Mill Hill High School	0.935
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	3.353
The Totteridge Academy	3.683
Whitefield School	5.333
Wren Academy (Community Places)	0.636

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How do I apply?

- How soon can I apply?
  - the application process begins on 1 September 2016

- Where do I apply?
  - apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

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How do I apply?

- How many schools can I apply for?
  - you can apply for up to **six** schools
  - you will rank the schools in your order of preference
  - it is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date
- Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?
  - yes, you must include all your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

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How do I apply?

- **Realistic Preferences**
  - if you just apply for one school, your child will only be considered for that one school
  - if this is unsuccessful, places at oversubscribed schools will not be available
  - if all the preferences you make are unrealistic, you are unlikely to secure a place at any of these schools

How do I apply?

- Do I need to fill in any other forms?
  - all voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools, free schools & academies will ask you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
  - the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
    - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
    - selective schools will ask about any medical condition that needs to be taken into account at the test and they may also require a photograph
  - Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
  - SIFs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools

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How do I apply?

- **What else do I need to provide?**
  - **Proof of address**
    - **your permanent address must be used on the application form**
    - **if you have moved in the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous address**

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Selection Tests

- Schools must give parents the test results before they apply for a school place
  - applications to sit the tests should be made directly to the individual school

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Selection Tests

- When will the tests be held?
  - most schools will hold tests early in the autumn term
  - some schools will hold the tests in the summer term while your child is still in Year 5

Selection Tests

Barnet Schools

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Ashmole Academy	Musical Aptitude ~ Sat 11 June Music Auditions ~ Tues 5 & Wed 6 July	Fri 20 May
Friern Barnet School	Enhanced Arts Programme – Tues 12 July	Fri 24 June
The Henrietta Barnett School	Fri 2 September	Wed 20 July
Mill Hill County High School	1st Aptitude Test ~ Sat 11June Music Auditions ~ Sat 12 June, Sat 25 June & Sat 2 July Dance Auditions ~ Sat 18 June & Sat 9 July 2nd Aptitude Test ~ Sat 3 September	Fri 20 May
Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School	Thurs 22 September	Fri 15 July
St Mary's & St John's CE School	1st Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 5 October 2nd Musical Aptitude Test ~ Tues 11 October Drama Aptitude Test ~ Wed 12 Oct Dance Aptitude Test ~ Thurs 13 Oct Banding Test ~ Sat 28 November	Wed 30 September Sat 31 October
St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Fri 9 September	Tues 12 July

Selection Tests

Schools in neighbouring local authorities

	Test Dates	Deadline for Test Applications
Dame Alice Owen's (Herts)	Entrance Exam Part 1 ~ Thurs 1 September Musical Aptitude 1st round ~ Fri 2 September Entrance Exam Part 2 ~ Sat 3 September Musical Aptitude 2nd round ~ Mon 12 – Fri 16 Sept	Fri 10June
The Latymer School (Enfield)	Sat 10 September	Mon 4 July

Note: Mill Hill County High School and Dame Alice Owen's both have secondary transfer tests on Saturday 3 September 2016.

To enable children to take both tests the schools will arrange for the DAO test to take place in the morning and the MHCH test in the afternoon

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How do I apply?

- When is the closing date?
  - 31 October 2016
  - the online system will close at 12 midnight on 31 October

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Late applications

- What happens if I miss the deadline?
  - late applications will not be considered until after the first round of offers
  - if there is a good reason for a late application, it may be treated as on-time
  - you must let the Admissions Team know your reason by 9 December 2016

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What happens next?

- Co-ordinated admissions
  - the transfer process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs
  - application lists are exchanged
  - offer lists are drawn up
  - offer lists are exchanged

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What happens next?

- How will places be allocated?
  - if the school is over-subscribed, the admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
  - each application is considered as if it is equally preferred
  - your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools

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Offers

- Will I be offered more than one school place?
  - if your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the highest rank possible
  - the lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children
  - no child will be offered more than one school

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Offers

- When will I hear?
  - National Offer Day is Wednesday 1 March 2017
  - online applicants can log in and see the result in the evening of 1 March
  - letters will be sent on 1 March to applicants who are not offered their first preference explaining what to do next

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Offers

- Accepting offers
  - places to be accepted or declined online by 15 March 2017

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No Offer?

- What happens if I don't get any of my preference schools?
  - your child will be allocated a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
  - remain on the waiting lists
  - appeal for a place
  - join waiting lists for other schools

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Appeals

- Every parent has the right of appeal
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel
- You will have the opportunity to present your case in person
- You will need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admission number
- Appeals are not usually successful unless there are exceptional grounds

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