

Moving On

The Secondary Transfer Process

Moving On 2025

- ▶ Available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
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 - ▶ Timetable for applications
 - ▶ How to apply
 - ▶ The admissions rules
 - ▶ How to make your application
- ▶ The Directory of Schools

South West Hertfordshire School Admissions Consortium

The Consortium consists of the following schools:

- ▶ Croxley Danes (music only)
- ▶ Rickmansworth (academic & music)
- ▶ St Clement Danes (academic & music)
- ▶ Parmiters (academic & music)
- ▶ Queens' (academic music & sport)
- ▶ Watford Grammar School for Boys (academic & music)
- ▶ Watford Grammar School for Girls (academic & music)

Local Schools (not part of the SWH Consortium)

The Consortium consists of the following schools:

- ▶ Bushey Meads
- ▶ The Grange Academy

Timetable for the Applications Process

- ▶ 1st April - Registration opens for Consortium Test
- ▶ 6th June - Registration closes
- ▶ 27th June - Parents informed of test venue
- ▶ 6th September - Academic test
- ▶ 8th September - Music test
- ▶ 10th September - PE Aptitude Test
- ▶ 18th September - First Round Music Results Notification
- ▶ w/c 22nd September - 2nd Round Music tests
- ▶ 16th October - scores notified to parents (around noon)
- ▶ **31st October - Secondary Application Deadline Day**

Consortium Test 2025

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

- ▶ Schools
- ▶ How to register
- ▶ Familiarisation Papers
- ▶ Calendar
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Contact Details

Choosing a School

- ▶ School Websites
- ▶ School Prospectus
- ▶ OfSTED Reports
- ▶ Tours of the schools

Choosing a School (2)

- ▶ Consider how popular the school is and your child's chances of getting a place there -look at the admissions criteria closely- be realistic about your child's ability and aptitude
- ▶ Express your preference by ranking up to 4 schools.
 - ▶ Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
 - ▶ Some schools also require you to complete Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for the individual secondary school that you have ranked You return that completed form to the secondary school to which you are applying

Admissions Criteria

Examples:

- ▶ Children Looked After
- ▶ Children with an EHCP
- ▶ **Exceptional Social or Medical Need**
- ▶ Siblings
- ▶ Priority areas & Distance from the school
- ▶ Because all the SW Herts Consortium Schools have a “selective” element - Specialist Places/Consortium Test Results

Preferences

All applications for schools are considered at the same time and admissions criteria administered equally regardless of the order in which the schools are listed on the application form.

The order of preference (rank) will only be used if it is possible for your child to be offered a place at more than one of your preferred schools. If this is the case, a place will be offered at the highest ranked school able to offer a place.

Distance Rule

All home-school distances for admissions purposes will be measured by straight line distance between the child's home and the school.

Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to 2 decimal places

The measurement is taken from the point of your child's house to the address point of the school

It is not the same as the method of measuring for the assessment of home-school transport entitlement

Continuing Interest

- ▶ All unsatisfied higher preferences will be automatically rolled over to continuing interest
- ▶ You can opt out of the continuing interest process by:
 - ▶ Going on-line
 - ▶ Emailing the admissions team
- ▶ New or amended preferences must be notified to the County Council

Continuing Interest

- ▶ If an applicant is offered a place through the continuing interest process, they will not be able to decline the CI place in favour of the school initially allocated

Oh dear! What do I do now?

- ▶ The process is explained on the admissions website:
- ▶ Complete an Appeal Form on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Appeals

An appeal will allow you to put your case to an independent appeals panel

Appeal on-line

Customer Services Team - tel:01992588548

Accepting a place at the school you are offered will not affect your chances of a successful appeal

Hertfordshire Data

- ▶ 94% of Hertfordshire children were offered 1 of their 4 school preferences in 2025.
- ▶ 76% got their first preference.
- ▶ 10% got their second choice
- ▶ 6% got their third choice
- ▶ 2% got their fourth choice

Good Luck!

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