

Transfer to secondary school in September 2024

Achieving for Children School Admissions Team

Sheen Mount Secondary School transfer 2024 and beyond

Tuesday 26th September 7.30pm

Sheen Mount specifically

The school's role towards the end of key stage two (Y5 & Y6) is to get children secondary school ready.

We will support all secondary school transition whether it is state or independent sector.

The state schools are typically Richmond Park Academy, Christ's and Grey Court, but as people move house, some go to other schools in the borough. I would encourage you to go and look these locals schools. Year 5 is a good time as it is close to deadline day in Y6 (deadline for applications is 31st October). Open mornings tend to be September.

The % of children who go to the independent sector is usually around 50%. This could increase/decrease in coming years for various reasons

Be aware (in a positive way) in the next couple of years, catchment areas of secondary schools could expand. Due to bulge years coming to an end and some primaries have reduced their form of entry (due to lack of pupils).

When looking at catchment, take note just as much of August 31st as offer day (March). E.g. Christ's catchment in 2021 doubled from 1490m to 3500m.

The state sector can include grammar schools (Tiffin's/Sutton).

More detailed information is available on the website (and below)

How places were allocated at Richmond Borough secondary schools for the last three years

National Offer Day (NOD) distance offers, and final distance offers at the end of national coordination (NC) on 31 August for 2022, 2021 and 2020						
School Name	Cut off - NOD 2022	Distance end of NC	Cut off - NOD 2021	Distance end of NC	Cut off - NOD 2020	Distance end of NC
Christ's Foundation	Criterion 5 - 2.756kms	Criterion 14 - 4.369 kms	Criterion 5 - 6.515 kms	Criterion 8 - 5.519 kms	Criterion 3.1 - 5.065 kms	Criterion 5 - 8.970 kms
Christ's Open	1.525 kms	2.873kms	1.425 kms	3.552 kms	1.215 kms	2.602 kms
Grey Court	2.727 kms	3.013 kms	2.379 kms	2.892 kms	2.321 kms	2.747 kms
Hampton High	1.574 kms	1.759 kms	1.793 kms	1.884 kms	1.972 kms	2.362 kms
Orleans Park	1.131 kms	1.481 kms	1.282 kms	1.510 kms	1.248 kms	1.532 kms
Richmond Park Academy	13.453 kms	13.453.kms	1.632 kms	All preferences met	2.340 kms	6.158 kms
St Richard Reynolds	Random allocation within Bands 2&3	Band 6 - 3.238 kms	Random allocation within Bands 2&3	Random allocation within Bands 2&3	Random allocation within Band 5	Random allocation within Band 6
Teddington School	6.432 kms	All preferences met	4.120 kms	All preferences met	3.907 kms	All preferences met
The Richmond upon Thames School	1.725 kms	All preferences met	1.581 kms	3.720 kms	1.850 kms	2.511 kms
Turing House 20%	0.849 kms	1.233 kms	1.019 kms	1.019 kms	1.476 kms	1.556 kms
Turing House 80%	2.633 kms	3.976 kms	2.245 kms	3.088 kms	2.849 kms	4.615 kms
Twickenham School	All preferences met	All preferences met	All preferences met	All preferences met	All preferences met	All preferences met
Waldegrave Area A 85%	1.416 kms	1.673 kms	1.470 kms	1.577 kms	1.577 kms	1.684 kms
Waldegrave Area B 15%	5.011 kms	7.126 kms	5.109 kms	5.969 kms	4.972 kms	5.448 kms

We will not provide home-to-school distances to applicants ahead of a formal application being received and an offer being made.

You can use Google maps to calculate an approximate distance between two points for the purpose of deciding which preferences to name on your application.

Historical distance information is only a guide as the cut-off distances vary from year-to-year. Even if you live within the cut-off distance for a previous year there is no guarantee that your child will obtain a place at that particular school for next September.

List of schools with last place allocated on National Offer Day 2023

School details	Places available	Applications received	Last place allocated
Christ's School	180	785	Proximity to school to a distance of: Foundation - 4.547km Open - 1.829km
Grey Court School	252	1,619	Proximity to school to a distance of 2.992km
Hampton High	180	535	Proximity to school to a distance of 2.177km
Orleans Park School	216	1,639	Proximity to school to a distance of 0.946km
Richmond Park Academy	180	575	Proximity to school to a distance of 4.8km
St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School	180	990	Contact the school for information
Teddington School	240	992	Proximity to school to a distance of 5.907km
The Richmond upon Thames School	150	702	Proximity to school to a distance of 1.862km
Turing House School	165	1,002	Proximity to school to a distance of: Permanent site (20%) - 0.636km Admissions node (80%) - 2.285km
Twickenham School	192	429	All preferences met
Waldegrave School	216	856	Proximity to school to a distance of: Area A - 2.032km Area B - 5.620km

If you would like to view the report of an Ofsted school inspection, these are available to view online on the individual school's website and on the [Ofsted website](#).

Secondary Transfer 2023

2023 State = 47% Ind = 53%	2023
Local Authority Schools	
Christ's	15
Orleans	6
Grey Court	4
Sir Richard Reynolds	3
Richmond Park Academy	2
Waldegrave (Girls)	1
Out of Borough LA Schools	
Richard Challoner	1
Tiffin Boys (Kingston)	1
Tiffin Girls (Kingston)	1
Esher High School	1
Independent Schools	
Burlington House	1
Emmanuel	1
Hampton School	6
Ibstock	8
Kingston Grammar	3
Lady Eleanor Holles	3
Latymer Upper	1
Moor House	2
Notre Dame	1
Putney High	1
Radnor House	5
St Catherine's	2
St James' (Boys)	2
Surbiton High	3
Thames Christian School	1
Out of Area	2

2023 destinations-also on website

Sheen Mount Secondary Transfer 2019 – 2023

2019 - 2023

Local Authority State Schools

Christ's	67
Richmond Park Academy	36
Grey Court	30
Orleans	13
Sir Richard Reynolds	9
Waldergrave (girls)	4
Teddington	3
Coombe Girls	1

Out of Borough State Schools

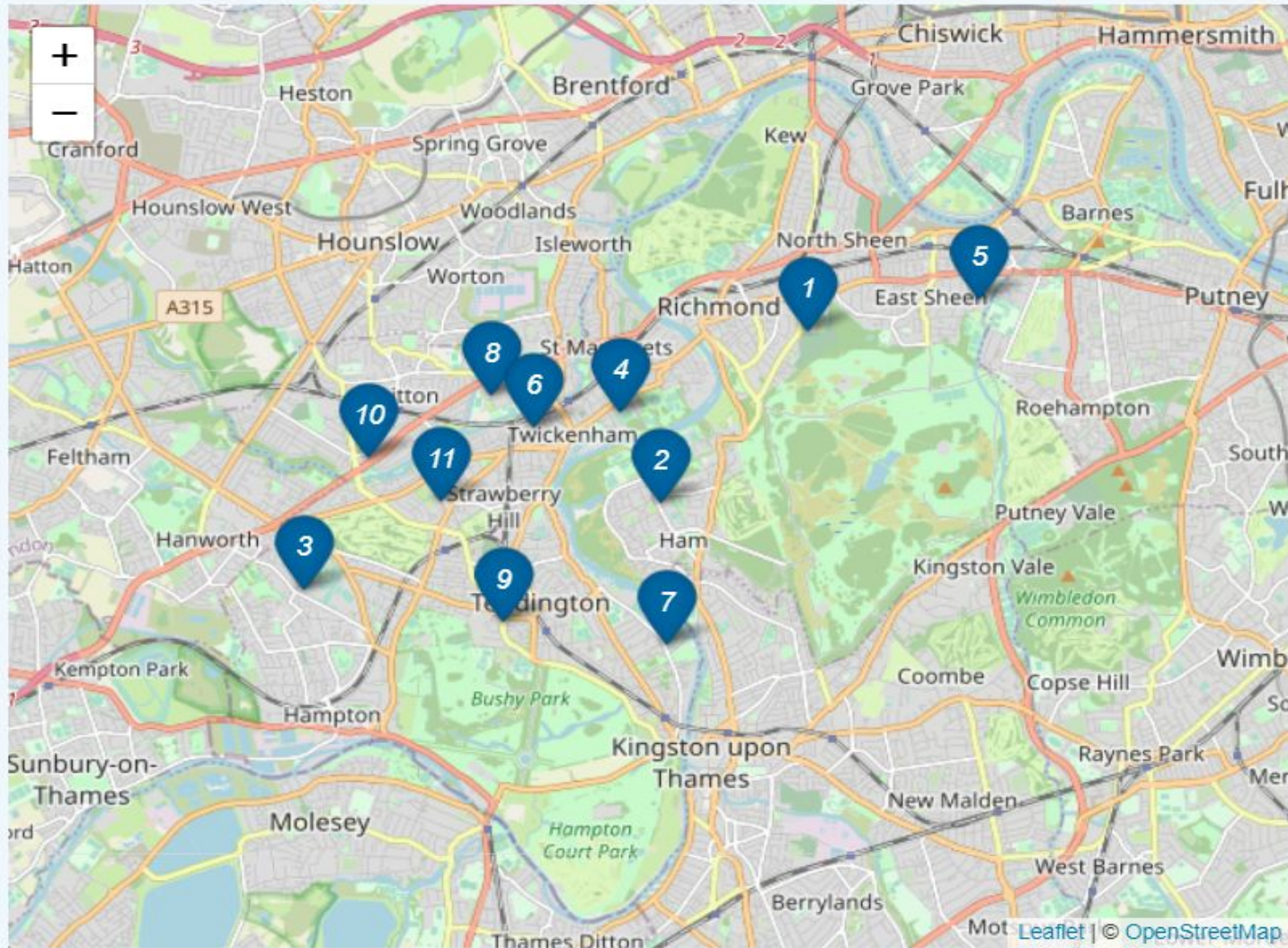
Tiffin (Boys)	8
Tiffin (Girls)	8
Richard Challoner	1

Independent Schools

Hampton School	26
Ibstock	26
Surbiton High	22
Kingston Grammar	16
Emanuel	12
Lady Eleanor Holles	9
Radnor House	9
Putney High	8
St James (Boys)	8
St John's Leatherhead	7
St Catherine's	7
Reeds	5
Latymer	4
Falcons Prep School (Boys)	3
Notre Dame	3
Kew House	2
Kings College Wimbledon	2
The Hall School	2
Bruern Abbey	2
Halliford	1
Harrodian	1

2019-2023
destinations-please see website for in depth list

Secondary schools



Map points

Click on the links below to focus the map on a specific location.

1. [Christ's School](#) Queen's Road Richmond
2. [Grey Court School](#) Ham Street Ham
3. [Hampton Academy](#) Hanworth Road Hampton
4. [Orleans Park School](#) Richmond Road Twickenham
5. [Richmond Park Academy](#) Park Avenue Sheen
6. [St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School](#) Clifden Road Twickenham
7. [Teddington School](#) Broom Road Teddington
8. [The Richmond upon Thames School](#) Egerton Road Twickenham
9. [Turing House School](#) Queen's Road Teddington
10. [Twickenham School](#) Percy Road Whitton
11. [Waldegrave School](#) Fifth Cross Road Twickenham

Independent sector

A clear pathway for children to enter the independent sector after Year 6. Independent sector is highly achievable and around 50% go this route- this tends to be a wider range of schools and can depend on a cohort.

It is competitive-the London day market is congested. However, new schools and locations are always being developed. Many further away school or difficult to reach on public transport have their own transport hubs.

Try to be clear in your thinking-four entrance exams should be enough for each child. Think of the impact on your child of too many exams.

Ensure you have a range of schools, if you only want independent.

The vast majority of children are tutored (including those already in the independent sector)

Questions raised from the meeting

If I were to get a tutor what content would you recommend for them to focus on?

You can build on what they have completed at school. To look for extension activities this would be 'reasoning' in maths (children tend to find arithmetic easier) and developing writing skills- particular their writer's voice with the impact on the reader and use of more advanced stylistic features (ranging from vocabulary to sentence structure).

For the independent sector be aware of the admission process. Some aspects to particularly look out for are Verbal and Non-verbal reasoning (this is not taught explicitly at school) and children being given a writing test. We (and all primary schools) teach them writing through scaffolding not giving them a cold assessment.

What questions should I ask at an open morning/what should I look for?

Have *your* key aspects you want to know about before you go.

Is it results? Is it pastoral? Is it a particular foundation subject e.g. music, PE, Art.
(of course it might be all of these, but narrow your focus)

If you get a child-led tour you can absolutely delve deeper and ask your questions and get a good feel of the school. Try to locate the right member of staff, if it is a subject specific question.

Don't be afraid to ask up-front questions to teachers/senior leadership team-asking the school what are their strengths and what are they developing in the next few years, will give you a secure understanding.

National coordinated admissions and Pan London

- Admission into secondary school is coordinated nationally across England, with a common deadline and national offer day.
- All 33 London boroughs, and 5 surrounding local authorities co-ordinate the processing of admissions with the aim of making a single offer per child wherever possible.

Timeline for on-time applications for 2024 entry

- Applications opened on **Friday 1 September 2023**
- Richmond Secondary schools hold open events in September and October. Information for all schools is available on the Richmond Council website and in the secondary admissions brochure. Check the school website in case you have to book a place.
- Secondary applications close on **Tuesday 31 October 2023**
- Secondary national offer day is **Friday 1 March 2024**

Making an application

- Research the schools and how places were allocated in previous years.
- Apply online at eadmissions.org.uk if you are a Richmond resident. If you have any difficulties, contact the School Admissions team for support
- Name up to **six** schools in preference order, including in borough and out borough schools.
- Submit your application and any supplementary forms before **Tuesday 31 October 2023.**

Benefits of applying online using eAdmissions

- 99% of applicants applied online last year.
- You can apply using a PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- The application process is secure, with clear prompts at each stage to guide applicants.
- You can scan and attach supporting documentation - no postage required.
- You will receive confirmation that your application has been successfully submitted, and you can view it at any time.
- You will receive an email with the outcome during the evening of **Friday 1 March 2024.**
- You will be able to accept or decline your offer online.



Preferences

- Parental right to name a preference for a school does not mean that you have a right to choose a school, but we will meet parental preference as far as possible if spaces are available.
- Please don't assume that you are entitled to a place at a preferred school, or the school nearest to the home address.
- All preferences are processed in accordance with the equal preference scheme.

Places are allocated under the equal preference scheme

- Each school has a published admission number - the number of children who will be admitted into the year group.
- All applications are ranked in oversubscription order for each school on the application.
- If your child has a provisional place at more than one school, the offer will be made at the highest preferred school.
- Iterative process - as children are removed from lower preference lists the system re-allocates that place to the next eligible child until a steady state is reached.

Order of preference

- List the schools you wish to apply to in the order you prefer them.
- Each school will consider your application against their admissions criteria **only** and not the order you place them on your form.
- Individual preference information is not shared with schools.
- If you want a selective school option you need to consider the order of preference carefully.

Deciding on the order of preference - example of possible outcome

Preference	School	Qualify for a place?	Outcome
1st	Orleans Park School	NO	WAITING LIST
2nd	Twickenham School	YES	OFFERED
3rd	Waldegrave School	YES	WITHDRAWN
4th	Turing House School	YES	WITHDRAWN
5th	Richmond upon Thames School	YES	WITHDRAWN
6th	Hampton High	NO	WITHDRAWN



Oversubscription criteria

- All schools must publish the oversubscription criteria which will be used to prioritise children where there are more applications than places available.
- Applied to all applications when a school is oversubscribed.
- The School Admissions team and schools **must** allocate in this order only - they have no discretion to consider any other information e.g. childcare arrangements, place of work
- Familiarise yourself with the oversubscription for your preferred schools and what priority your child will have for the school if it is oversubscribed.

Common oversubscription criteria

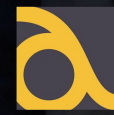
- Looked after and previously looked after children.
- Sibling link - brother or sister attending the preferred school at the time of admission.
- Child of a qualifying member of staff.
- **Exceptional** social or medical need why only one school is suitable. No priority is given for preference for a single sex school.
- Proximity to school.
- Faith-based priority requiring a supplementary information form.

Make sure you provide all the necessary supporting information if you intend to apply for priority under a higher criterion. Further information is available in the guide.



Supplementary forms

- Christ's and St Richard Reynolds require you to complete a supplementary information form **in addition** to the common application form if you wish to apply for priority under faith grounds. **Return this form directly to the school.**
- Check whether any of your preferred schools in other boroughs require a supplementary form.
- The closing date for all forms is **Tuesday 31 October 2023**



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Children educated out of of year group

For example, summer born children who delayed entry into Reception until 2017.

If your child is currently being educated outside of their chronological year group, there is no automatic right to continue to educate out of year on transfer to secondary school. Parents must contact their preferred schools to request permission to apply for a Year 7 place in September 2024.

National Offer Day 1 March 2024 (on-time applications)

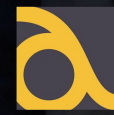
- Offer will be sent to you via email during the evening after 5pm. 93.6% of applicants were allocated a preferred school in 2023.
- Respond to your offer via eAdmissions by **15 March 2024**.
- If the offer is not your preferred school, accept the offer until a higher offer can be made to ensure your child has a school place in September. Guidance will be provided on next steps.
- Some children may receive an offer for an alternative school, and others may not be offered a place at all initially.
- Remember - National Offer Day is only the start of the allocation process. There is a lot of movement from waiting lists before September

Waiting lists

- Your child will automatically be added to the waiting list for any higher preferred schools.
- Waiting lists **must** be held in oversubscription criteria and re-ranked when a new application is received.
- Be prepared for waiting list positions to go down as well as up.
- Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the June 2025 when they will disbanded. You will need to request for your child to join the list for the following academic year.

➤ Further offers

- We will start to make further offers from the waiting lists from **Tuesday 2 April 2024** after all parental responses have been received and processed, and late applications have been added to the waiting lists.
- Further offers will continue until the middle of September as places become available.



Appeals

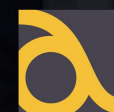
- You have a legal right of appeal against the refusal to be given a place at any of your preferred schools.
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel not connected to either the school or the local authority.
- The panel will balance your case for wanting your child to attend the school against the school's argument that they are full. You will need to present a strong case why your child has to attend that particular school.

Gathering information

- Read the [Admission to Richmond's Secondary Schools](#) guide available to download on the Richmond Council website. This provides information about each stage of the application process and your responsibilities as the applicant.
- Familiarise yourself with the oversubscription criteria for your preferred schools. These are summarised in the [Richmond's schools brochure](#) available on the Richmond Council website, but always read the full version on the school's website.
- Look at the pattern of admissions from previous years and be informed about the likelihood of being offered a place.
- Talk to your primary headteacher.

Other resources

- Richmond Council website - www.richmond.gov.uk
- Compare schools - www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables
- Ofsted reports - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted
- School admissions team - richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk



FINALLY... SOME DOs and DON'Ts

DO read the brochure and visit the schools.

DO apply on time and provide all the requested documentation to make sure the appropriate priority is applied to your application.

DO familiarise with the school's oversubscription criteria and how places were allocated in the past - be **realistic** about the chances of your child getting a place at the school.

DON'T hesitate to contact the School Admissions team if you need support making your application.

DON'T contact your MP or councillor if you do not get allocated a place at your preferred school. They have no authority to change the decision. **Only the appeal panel can require a school to admit a child if they are full.**

**If you need help with your application, contact the
School Admissions team at**

richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk