



ST. THOMAS BECKET SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION

Information for parents of pupils
transferring to secondary schools in
Sept 2024

ST THOMAS BECKET SELECTED DESTINATION SCHOOLS

	2023	2024
Bonus Pastor	6	8
St Philomena's	5	8
Coloma	14	7
Thomas More	2	3
Archbishop Tennison	2	3
John Fisher	10	3

OPEN MORNINGS / EVENINGS

- Check if you need to book ahead
- Do your research first (Ofsted report, website, admissions criteria etc...)
- Ask questions if there's a Q&A (especially if there are pupil tour guides)

OPEN EVENINGS (SELECTED LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS)

- Coloma 23rd – 25th Sept am, 26th Sept 5-7.30pm
- St Phil's 23rd – 27th Sept (mornings)
- John Fisher
- Bonus Pastor 19th Sept 6.30pm and 23rd – 25th Sept 9am
- St Mary's High 10 options across Sept – Oct (see website)
- Thomas More 8th – 17th Oct multiple dates (see website)

- * Many of the above require advance booking and several have alternative sessions available.

ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- Croydon e-admissions website: [Apply for a secondary school place: step by step | Croydon Council](#)
- Applying online: You don't have to post the completed application form - the only things you may have to post are the schools' Supplementary Information Form(s) and documentary evidence, where these are required to support your application.
- You will receive email and text message updates to let you know how your application is progressing.
- You can make changes to your application once you have submitted it, prior to the closing date.

APPLYING

- Every year 1 in 10 parents fails to apply for a school place on time. Please help us ensure that no child misses out on the best place for them by **keeping your website up to date** and **reminding parents to complete the following steps** before the deadline:
- Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools in their area and be guided through the steps in the application process.
- Apply through an eAdmissions account at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- **Application deadline: 31 October 2024 (EHCP deadline is 30th Sept)**
- Parents will be able to view the outcome of their application through their eAdmissions account on 1 March 2024 (National Offer Day).

Admission to secondary schools 2025/2026

 **Apply online at:** www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

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Important dates for your diary

1 September 2024

Online application process starts.

11 September to 17 October 2024

Secondary schools' open days or evenings.

It is important that you visit the schools you are interested in before you apply.

31 October 2024

Statutory deadline for receipt of secondary school applications.

**We recommend you submit your application no later than
18 October 2024 (Friday before half-term)**

3 March 2025

National Offer Day

Online applicants receive a notification email during the evening.

**You can then log on to view the result of your application at
www.eadmissions.org.uk**

17 March 2025

Deadline for acceptance or refusal of school offer.

How are places allocated?

If you have listed six schools in preference order and all six schools are in a position to offer a place, the system will automatically seek the highest preference, i.e. your first preference, and make you an offer at this school. All your lower preferences are withdrawn as these are no longer required.

If you listed six schools in preference order and preferences three, four and five are in a position to offer places, the system will automatically seek the highest preferences, i.e. your third preference, and make an offer at this school. Your lower preferences four and five are withdrawn as these are no longer required. Your higher preferences one and two are automatically placed on the waiting list for reconsideration should any places become available. Any further offers will continue to be made in accordance with the schools' published admissions criteria.

Will I have a better chance of getting my first preference than someone who lists it as a second or lower preference?

No. All preferences are considered equally against the schools' admission criteria. The preference order will only be used when it is possible for more than one school to offer you a place. This is called the Equal Preference System.

COMPLETING SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS

- Admissions governors want to treat each application as fairly as possible – make the information clear and easy for them.
- Please complete and check supplementary forms carefully
- **The online deadline often differs from deadlines imposed by individual schools for supplementary forms – check this out!**
- Note: You will still need to complete an online application if you have a SIF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF)

The only information considered by governing bodies for admission to Catholic school:

- Baptism and timing of this - 6 Mths / 1 Yr / Over 1 Yr
- First Holy Communion - Yes/No
- Attendance at Mass (weekly or less frequent) – supported by Priest's reference(s)***
- Sibling priorities apply but vary in how applied
- Distance from school
- Many Catholic schools are now requesting a certificate of practice instead of the traditional SIF form

CONFIDENTIALITY

- The list of schools you include on your application is confidential. The schools you have applied to will not be informed of the other applications you have made.
- The order of preference of each school on your list will not be released with the application details, to the schools concerned. Schools you apply for will have no knowledge of where they are ranked in your list of references.
- Applying for only one school will not increase your chances of being offered a place at that school.

www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/school-admissions/how-to-apply/faqs/confidentiality