



Thursday 10th September 2026

Dear parents/carers of Year 5 children,

Secondary School Applications

This is just to keep you updated with an approximate timeline of events for applying to Secondary Schools. In general, the process doesn't start until much later in the year.

Once all of the dates from ECC and CSSE have been confirmed, I will send out 2 information booklets (normally during April or sooner if the dates have been confirmed).

One will be about **general Secondary Applications** and the other will be about **Selective/Grammar Schools and the 11+**. At the same time as sending these out they will also be uploaded to the school website:

- Hover over 'Our School'
- Then scroll down and click on 'Join our school', then 'Secondary School Applications'
- Whenever I receive new information from ECC or from the Schools themselves I update this page. This includes any information regarding open days / evenings that the schools send us.
- This page currently shows information for the Current Year 6 children not your child.

Key information in the meantime:

These dates are when they **normally** take place but will be confirmed in the booklet:

Applications for **Secondary School** –

- Registration opens in the September of when your child enters Year 6.
- You can apply online and ECC update their website over the Summer Holidays.
- The **closing date is the end of October**.
- Notification of places is around 1st March.

Applications for **Selective Schools** –

- Registration **opens during May** of when your child is in Year 5.
- Registration **closes towards the end of June**.
- The test is the middle weekend of September (Chelmsford Girls school is a separate test on a different day).
- Closing date is end of October.
- Notification of places is around 1st March.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Kind regards

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Deputy Head