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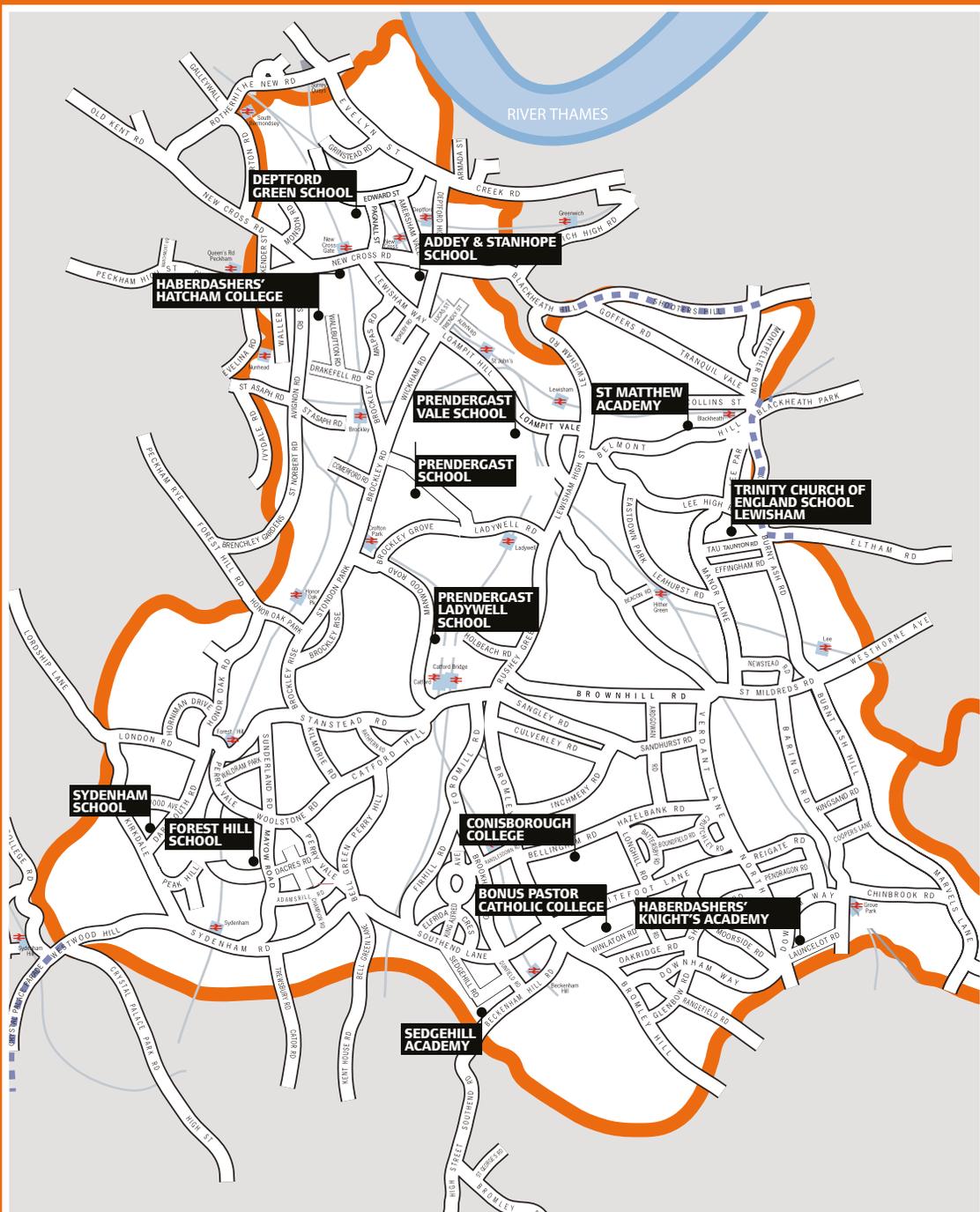
Bright futures

Applying to start secondary school this autumn



Transferring to Secondary School in 2026 event is on
Monday 22 September 2025, 5–8pm at the Civic Suite

Mainstream secondary schools in Lewisham



Introduction

Hello! I'm Edison, the new Cabinet Member for Children and Young People here in Lewisham. As a former Year 7 teacher in a Lewisham secondary school, I know what an exciting but also anxious time this is for you and your child. We've put together this guide to help you to work out which school is right for your child. It offers information about the process of moving from primary to secondary school, and also about every secondary school in the borough.

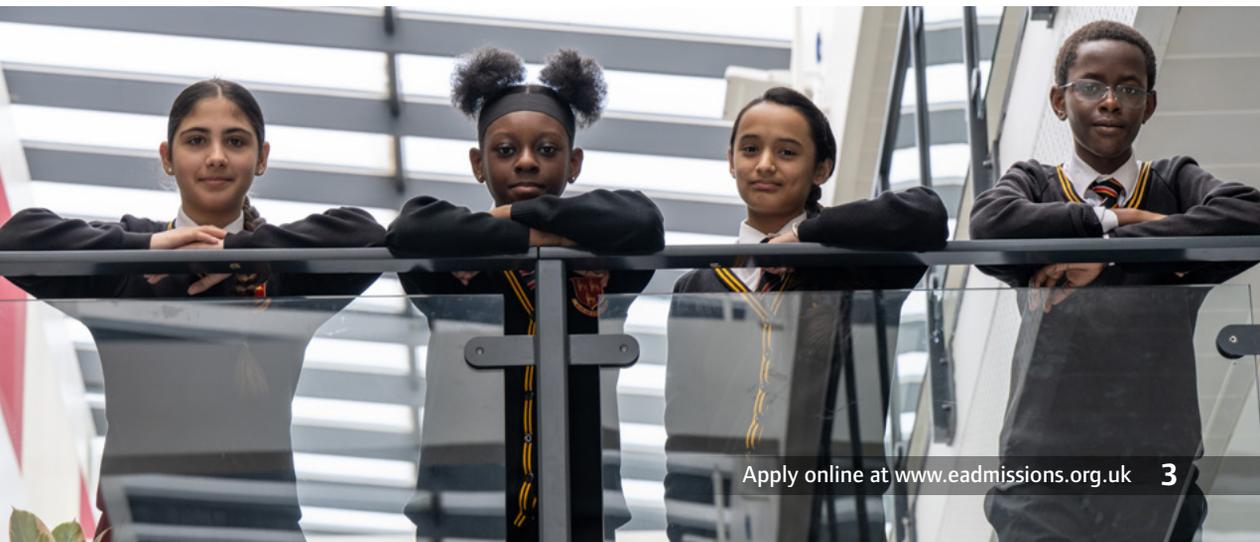
Both as a science teacher and a primary school governor, I've seen first-hand the dedication of our teachers, teaching assistants, special educational needs coordinators, and support staff, who are all committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of background, can flourish. This is further evidenced by the work we are collectively doing as part of the Tackling Racial Inequality in Education work, led by all of our schools and governing bodies to deliver teacher and leadership training, strengthening parent and community relationships, and to develop a modern curriculum that better reflects our diverse communities. These improvements to our education system will be beneficial to all Lewisham children, irrespective of their background. lewisham.gov.uk/race-inequality

The most recent Ofsted inspections tell us that

99% of maintained schools and academies in Lewisham are 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. You might be surprised by what's on offer at schools closer to home once you visit and speak to staff, parents and students. The positives of going to a local school not only include the shorter journey times but also familiarity with the area, other students, and the wider community.

This familiarity extends to our secondary schools which work closely with our primary schools to ensure a smooth transition, paying careful attention to any special needs that you and your child may have. Choosing a Lewisham school also means easy access to our award-winning library services as well as our youth services through the Lewisham Youth Alliance – a collection of local organisations supporting your child to develop more holistically through play, music, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Our schools have a lot to offer, and my strong advice would be to visit as many schools as you can before deciding. Wherever your child goes, we wish all those starting secondary school next year the very best for the future.

Councillor Edison Huynh
Cabinet Member for Children
and Young People



Applying for your child

Applying for a secondary school place can seem like a daunting task. Here are the things you need to know and some tips on the process to help you.

Make a note of the deadline date for applications – Monday 31 October 2025

You need to apply for secondary schools when your child is in Year 6. The application period starts on 1 September and closes on 31 October each year.

Which schools can I apply for?

You can apply for schools in the borough of Lewisham or outside the borough, but not special schools, alternative provision, pupil referral units, or independent (fee-paying) schools.

Visit as many schools as you can

Visit as many schools as you can before deciding which ones to apply to. School open days will show you more than a league table can – you'll get a flavour of the school, meet headteachers, staff and students, go on a tour of the school and see examples of students' work.

Read the admissions criteria

It's very important that you understand the admissions criteria for the schools you're interested in so you know whether you have a realistic chance of your application being successful.

Use all your six preferences

You can apply to up to six schools. When you apply, you should use all six preferences for the best chance of getting a place at a school of your choosing. You must list your schools in preference order.

Apply online

Applying online is quick and easy. You need to complete a supplementary information form for some schools, as well as naming the school on your application. For example, a church school will need to see evidence from your church leader of church attendance.

National offer day is Monday 2 March 2026

If you made an 'on time' online application, you will get an email on the evening of Monday 2 March 2026, telling you where your child has been offered a place. If you applied on a paper application form, or if you haven't been offered a place at any of the schools you applied for, we will send you the results by first class post or by email on the evening of Monday 2 March 2026.

For more information about applying for a secondary school place, visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions



Special educational needs and disabilities provision and special schools

In Lewisham, we are determined to support all children to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Most children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities are educated and supported in mainstream schools. Each of our mainstream secondary schools has a special educational needs policy and SEN Information Report published on their website for parents/carers to review and to find out more about the SEN provision of the individual school. These policies and information reports, which apply to all schools, including academies and federation schools as well as community schools, explain the school's approach to SEN/SEND. Reading them is a good place to start when you're planning your school visits and when you are considering options for your young person's transfer to a secondary school.

It's a good idea to talk to other parents of children with SEN/SEND and/or with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who already attend the school. Most schools will also be happy to arrange a meeting with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) before you apply for a place / highlight a preference for a particular school in your application form so you can discuss your child's needs and how the school would meet those needs.

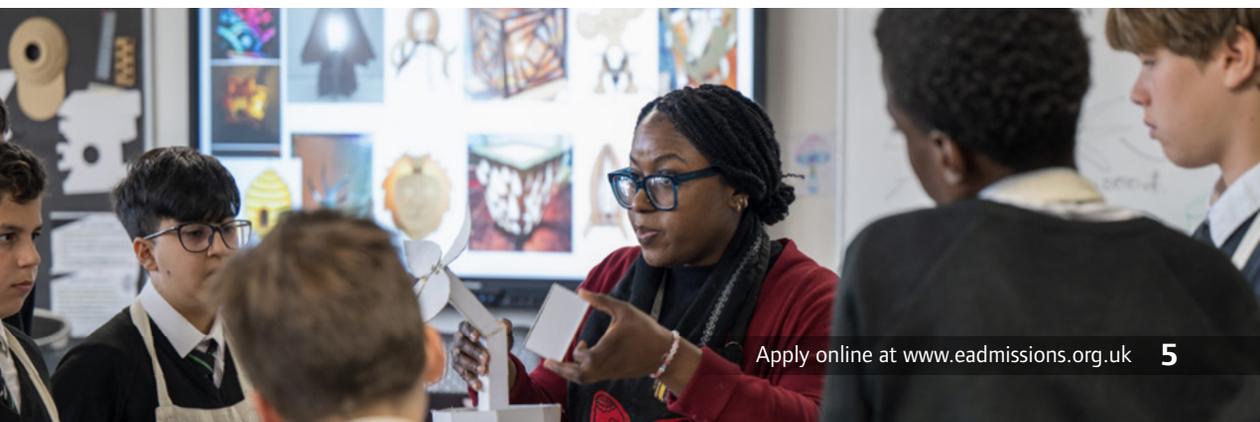
If your child has an (EHCP), the process of applying for a secondary school is different. The statutory SEN Service will ask you to express your preferences and a formal process of consultations will commence with your preferences. However the LA might also add local preferences to the mix. Your child's primary school and Senior SEN case officer can advise further on this via your child's annual review process.

Our four local special schools for children of secondary school age are: Greenvale, New Woodlands, Drumbeat, Brent Knoll. We also have an Alternative Provision called Abbey Manor College.

Some of our Secondary Schools have SEN Resource Bases within the mainstream setting. These Resource Bases have set admissions criteria, catering for certain special educational needs. The consultations for these places for learners with EHCPs will be undertaken by the statutory SEN Service as advised above.

For more information about the specialist provision at each of these schools and the application process, visit the website and/or speak to your child's current school and the SEN Team.

www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/specialschools



2025 admissions and appeals rates for Lewisham community schools and own admission authority (AA) schools

The following table indicates how places were allocated on 3 March 2025 under each admissions criterion.

	Published admissions number	Total number of applications	Children looked after	Sports or music places (AA schools)	Year 6 children on roll (AA schools)	Exceptional medical or social reasons	Sibling on roll	Distance of last place offered under home-to-school distance (metres)	Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan	Number of appeals heard in the summer of 2025	Successful appeals in the summer of 2025
Addley & Stanhope	120	423	1	n/a	n/a	0	28	1,912.04	11	●	●
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	180	739	10	n/a	n/a	0	55	●	12	●	●
Conisborough College	180	264	2	n/a	n/a	N/A	28	★	14	●	●
Deptford Green School	180	588	0	●	●	0	38	3882.65	13	●	0
Forest Hill School	180	463	0	●	●	0	31	3100.97	9	1	0
Haberdashers' Hatcham College	224	867	n/a	22	n/a	0	76	968.29	3	●	●
Haberdashers' Knights Academy	208	350	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	53	★	9	●	●
Prendergast School	120	523	n/a	12	n/a	0	29	1,045.69	2	●	●
Prendergast Vale School	120	363	n/a	n/a	30	0	10	★	3	●	●
Prendergast Ladywell School	180	782	n/a	n/a	58	0	37	1,077.93	7	●	●
St Matthew Academy	180	479	1	n/a	27	0	40	3,688.17	4	●	●
Sedgehill Academy	180	628	6	n/a	n/a	0	46	2,410.10	7	●	●
Sydenham School	240	684	3	●	●	2	53	2174.85	7	3	1
Trinity Church of England School Lewisham	120	385	1	n/a	55	0	23	1,587.28	9	●	●

Key ★: Applicants all offered a place ●: Contact school

For 2025 admissions, all distances were measured in metres using a straight line to a point in the school premises as determined by the Ordinance Survey.

How the preference system works

On national offer day your child will be offered one school place. If they qualify for a place at more than one school on the list, they will be offered a place at the school that comes highest out of those potential offers on their list of preferences.

If we can't offer your child a place at one of the schools you applied for, we will offer them a place at the school closest to your home where there is a vacancy. We strongly recommend that you apply for six schools, including your nearest school.

Examples of the preference system

- Child A has applied for six schools. They don't qualify for a place at the first or second preference school but do qualify for a place at their third preference school. We offer the third preference school to the child on national offer day. The fourth, fifth and sixth preference schools are 'settled' (meaning your application is not progressed further) as they were ranked lower on the list. The child stays on the waiting list of their first and second preference schools and they will get the right of appeal for them.
- Child B has applied for one school. The school is oversubscribed and the child does not qualify for one of the vacancies under the admissions criteria. We tell the parent the outcome and about their right to appeal. We offer a place at the closest school in Lewisham to the family's home where there is a vacancy as an alternative. The child stays on the waiting list for their preferred school.
- Child C has applied for six schools and can be offered a place at their first preference school on national offer day. All of the other schools named on the list are 'settled'. However, the child has an older brother at their third preference school and, after national offer day, the parent wants the child to go to that school instead. The parent will then need to contact the admissions team to make a further application so their child's name is added to the school's waiting list. The parent is also advised to accept the school place offered.
- Child D has applied for six schools, all outside the borough, but does not qualify for a place at any of them. We offer the parent a place at a school where there is a vacancy and tell them about their right to appeal. However, the parent wants their child to go to a school close to their home, which they hadn't applied for. That school is oversubscribed and has not been able to offer all applicants a place. The parent will need to contact the admissions team to make a further application to add their child's name to the waiting list. The parent is advised to accept the place offered and will remain on the waiting list for their higher preference schools.

Our admissions team is available to answer any questions about admissions criteria and the preference system. You can email them at secondarieschooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk

Common myths about the admissions process

You will probably hear lots of different things about how the school admissions process works. Here we explain some of the common myths and assumptions people make.

1. My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools

Not true. Your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the school's admission criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (for example, because your preferences were unrealistic) they will be offered a place at the nearest school to your home that has a vacancy after all on-time applicants have been offered places.

2. If I list only one school then my child has to be offered a place there

Not true. Listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to use all six preferences and include your nearest school among them.

3. I live nearer to the school than a child who was offered a place under the distance criterion last year so my child is guaranteed a place

Not true. The number of pupils that each school offers places to under each criterion can change from year to year. Just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it doesn't mean your child will be offered a place there. The information about offers in March 2026 for each school is on page 6. However, remember this information is a guide only and no child is guaranteed a place at any school.

4. If I don't put down the nearest school to my house, my child will get allocated a place there anyway

Not true. If your child doesn't get offered a place at any of your preferred schools, they will be offered a place at the nearest school in Lewisham that has places. This won't necessarily be the school nearest to you.

5. If I put the nearest school down on my list of preferences, the local authority will just allocate my child to that school to fill places, regardless of what order I list it

Not true. The admission system is subject to strict legal rules to ensure fairness, and is monitored and managed extremely carefully. The local authority will only offer your child a place at the school closest to you if it is on your list, and they do not get allocated a place at any schools higher up your list.

6. If I 'hassle' the local authority every day and call or email them constantly to make sure my child gets a place at their preferred school, they will eventually give my child a place to keep me quiet

Not true. You will get a place dependent on where you are in the waiting list. Waiting lists can move between March and September, and you may get other offers. Because of the strict legal rules that guide this process, your chance of getting other offers will not be affected in any way by the amount of contact you have with the admissions team. It's a very busy time for them and they are legally required to allocate places through the admissions criteria process.

Addey and Stanhope School

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I am so proud to be Headteacher of Addey and Stanhope – a school at the heart of the Deptford community. We are a small, caring, high-achieving, ambitious school that has enriched thousands of lives for over 400 years. We truly know our students and have a solid commitment to each and every one of them. Our work to promote their personal development has rightly been judged as outstanding; our pupils feel happy, safe, and supported – surrounded exceptional staff; excellent teaching; a curriculum that caters to their individual needs; and enrichment opportunities that equip them for successful futures.

We live up to our strapline: ‘A small school doing big things’. Our students go to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group universities and undertake quality apprenticeships. We have strong links with Colfe’s and Christ’s Hospital Schools, and students have the opportunity to secure fully funded scholarships to these and other independent schools. Our careers and pathways education is exceptional and nationally recognised as such. We continue to achieve local and national recognition in a range of areas including citizenship; work with vulnerable students, pastoral care, and literacy and reading.

Above all, we are a family at Addey and Stanhope – a family that has the happiness, health and success of our students at the very heart of everything we do. We are rooted in our values of kindness, integrity, love, acceptance and respect. Our students are Addeyans for life: ‘Once an Addeyan, always an Addeyan’.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Addeyans to join our exceptional school.

Jan Shapiro, Headteacher



Bonus Pastor Catholic Academy

Winlaton Road, Bromley BR1 5PZ
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At Bonus Pastor, we are proud of our warm and caring ethos, underpinned by our strong Catholic values. Our school has a long-standing tradition of academic excellence, and in 2024, our students achieved the best GCSE results in the school's history, testament to the hard work of our students and staff alike.

Most recently, we were judged 'Outstanding in all areas' by Ofsted in October 2023, and again by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate in January 2024. We are a forward-thinking and ambitious school — visionary, innovative, and committed to evidence-based practice. Our teachers are exceptional professionals who take the time to know their students as individuals, tailoring learning to meet their needs and helping each one to achieve their full potential. At the heart of our success is a rich, balanced curriculum and a focus on high-quality teaching. Our approach ensures that students leave us not only with excellent academic outcomes, but also with the confidence and skills needed to flourish in an ever-changing world.

We are especially proud of our pioneering use of digital technology in education. Every student is equipped with their own device, and as a certified Google Reference School, we are recognised for our excellence in digital learning. Our community celebrates achievement in every form. Our thriving alumni network includes Lewisham Young Mayors, Oxbridge graduates, and professionals across a variety of fields, all of whom remain closely connected to the life of the school.

With outstanding attendance, exceptional pastoral care and all students progressing to post-16 education or training, Bonus Pastor is a place where young people are nurtured, challenged, and inspired every day.

Conor Mahon, Principal



Conisborough College

Conisborough Crescent, Catford SE6 2SE
020 8461 9600



Located between Catford and Downham, at Conisborough College we are proud to serve a diverse community and strive to bring out the best in each one of our young people.

Our dedicated teams of staff work hard to ensure our students benefit from a rich and ambitious curriculum. More of our students than ever before are choosing to study triple science and the EBacc (a set of core subjects including English, Maths, Science, a language and History/Geography) at GCSE and are setting increasingly high aspirations for their learning.

As well as ensuring our students excel in the classroom, it is important to us that we give our young people opportunities to develop new interests and grow their confidence. We offer a thriving extracurricular programme, which provides students with access to a range of exciting opportunities in the arts, music and sport and to give back to our school and local communities, including through our popular Student Council.

We likewise offer unique and impressive facilities to our young people, such as a purpose-built drama studio and two music rooms fully equipped with Music IT, alongside plenty of outdoor space.

As part of United Learning, the country's most well-established multi-academy Trust, we are working closely with academies from across our Southeast London Cluster to continue taking our school from strength to strength.

We encourage you to visit us during one of our Open Days where you will be able to see for yourself the fantastic teaching taking place here at Conisborough, and experience firsthand our warm and calm learning environment.

Lucy Oragano, Principal



Deptford Green School

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Step into Deptford Green and you'll instantly feel the vibrant pulse of a school where imagination takes flight. More than just a place of learning, we're a community where creativity ignites every corner of the curriculum and the arts aren't just taught - they're lived. From the moment you enter, you'll be struck by the powerful connections between students and staff, a testament to our inclusive and diverse spirit.

Our GREAT values (Growth, Respect, Equality, Accountability, Togetherness) are the bedrock of everything we do, creating a safe and nurturing environment where students thrive.

At Deptford Green, we champion the arts, empowering our students to discover their voices and express themselves through a rich tapestry of artistic opportunities. Whether it's on stage, in the studio, or through our numerous student leadership platforms, we encourage every student to explore their passions and make their mark.

We celebrate effort and participation, nurturing well-being through outstanding pastoral care, including dedicated pastoral leaders for each year group and on-site Place2Be counsellors. Our seamless transition program ensures Year 7 students feel supported and welcomed into our close-knit community from day one.

Academic excellence is paramount, and our dynamic, inspiring lessons spark curiosity and deep thinking, challenging every student to reach their full potential. We're not just preparing students for the future; we're empowering them to shape it. We equip them with the resilience, confidence, and expressive power to push boundaries and make a real difference in the world.

Deptford Green is more than a school - it's a launchpad for the next generation of innovators, academics, artists, and leaders.

Emma Thurston, Headteacher



Forest Hill School

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Forest Hill School is a thriving and aspirational school providing high-quality education to boys aged 11-16 in a happy and safe environment. We are delighted that Ofsted agreed and judged us to be a 'Good' school in January 2024. We also have a highly successful joint sixth form provision with Sydenham School for male and female students.

Aspiring to Excellence Together is our school motto and it drives us to relentlessly pursue excellence in all aspects of school life. We have a very strong ethos which is underpinned by our core values of Hard Work, Ambition, Respect and Kindness. These values are interwoven throughout all aspects of our school's broad and balanced curriculum, which includes Dance, Drama, Art and Music alongside the traditional academic subjects. Our dedicated teaching staff are passionate about their subjects and are experts in educating and inspiring boys.

We were delighted that our 2024 GCSE results were our best ever for the third consecutive year. More than a quarter of all grades were in the highest bracket, with our Progress 8 score of +0.3 placing us in the top 10% of schools nationally for boys' results.

We place equal value on enrichment activities and opportunities outside the classroom, taking students on curriculum-related day trips as well as residential trips in the UK and abroad, and offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Students are taught skills that they need to thrive in their future lives, including leadership, creativity, and resilience.

I encourage you to come and see for yourselves what makes Forest Hill School such a special place.

Michael Sullivan, Headteacher



Haberdashers' Hatcham College

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Haberdashers' Hatcham College is a highly ambitious 11 to 18 secondary academy within the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South. Hatcham College has been educating the young people of London since 1876 and has a strong tradition of educational excellence and providing exceptional opportunities.

At Hatcham College students have unparalleled opportunities, and as a result they develop not only the academic excellence but the character, values and experience that will enable our young people to go on to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives. Our priority is to provide an engaging and inclusive learning environment that supports progress and success, whatever their starting points or background.

Students can apply for scholarships in music, mathematics, sport and art. Key Stage 3 students enjoy an elective subject each term which provides opportunities such as BMXing, DJing, various ancient and modern language, sport and academic options. There are after-school academic, sporting and creative options that enable all our young people to explore new and existing interests and make new friends.

Results in 2024 were well above the national average. We are proud of our young people who work hard with and are ably supported by staff to develop academic excellence. An education that develops not only qualifications but character, means they can go out into the world and help shape it for the better. A contemporary take on a traditional education allows our young people to aspire, achieve and be the best version of themselves.

"This is a highly ambitious school... pupils can achieve excellent outcomes, whatever their starting point" (Ofsted, November 2024)

Katie Scott, Executive Principal



Haberdashers' Knights Academy

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“Haberdashers’ Knights Academy is an inclusive school at the heart of its community. We are part of the Haberdashers Academies Trust South which has been educating children in London since 1876. We are ambitious for our students and are committed to our vision of ensuring that every student is able to achieve their full potential personally, academically, and socially’.

We achieve this vision through our high expectations and shared ‘ASPIRE’ values of Accountability, Self-Discipline, Partnership, Integrity, Respect and Excellence, helping students to turn their ambitions into success. With academic results above the national average, vocational results in the top 4% of schools nationally and rated a “Good” school, Knights students’ progress to good universities, apprenticeships, and careers. We provide high quality teaching, and a broad, diverse, engaging curriculum to help students make connections across subjects, enhance their critical thinking, and develop their creativity.

Our Haberdashers’ Advantage programme of extracurricular activities and scholarships encourages student leadership, character development and citizenship through community action. Whether your child excels in the creative arts, sports, Cadets or STEM, we have a vast range of culturally rich opportunities to help them develop their confidence and mature into well rounded, healthy young people. Working in partnership with our families, we celebrate and recognise the success of our collective community and each child as an individual, in a supportive environment to develop their self-esteem, passion for learning and curiosity for life.

I look forward to welcoming your family into our Knights community at our open evening.

Dr Tesca Bennett, Executive Principal



Prendergast School

Adelaide Avenue, Brockley SE4 1LE
020 8690 3710



At Prendergast School, staff have been providing exceptional opportunities and education to every student for more than 130 years. We are delighted to have been awarded the highest possible judgement - Outstanding in all five categories - by OFSTED in March 2025.

We are an all-girls secondary school, with post-16 provision for both male and female students. There is a kind and caring ethos, and students and staff are proud to be part of the school. We are strong in science and technology, celebrate and promote creativity, with a superb focus on music for all our young people.

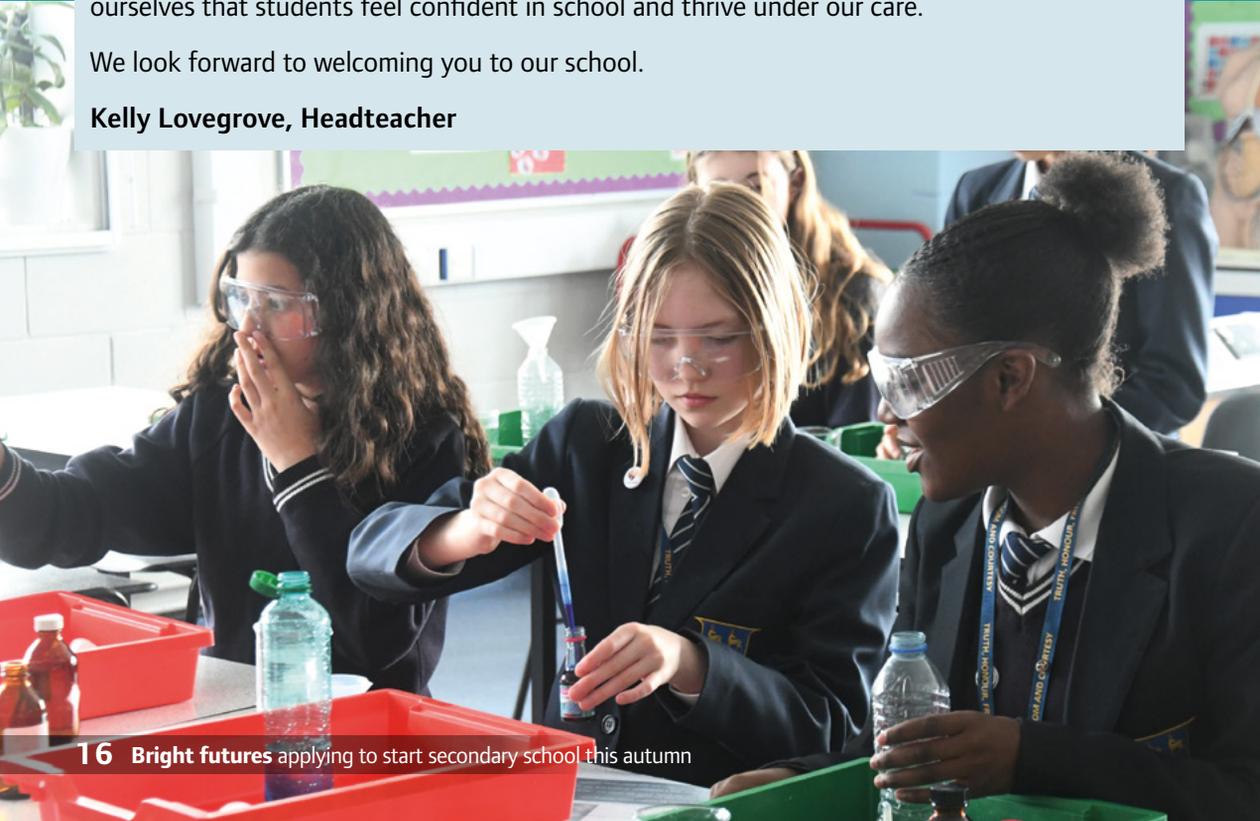
The school is set in the beautiful location of Hilly Fields, with a split site that contains a new build (including our science facilities) and a restored main building in the park. We have a wide curriculum, including creative subjects such as Music, Design & Technology, Textiles, and Art.

We offer many extra-curricular opportunities and an extensive range of educational trips. You can see a variety of activities on our X (Twitter) account (@PrendergastSch1) and on BlueSky (@prendergastschool.bsky.social), and in our Prospectus on our website.

Most importantly, your child's safety and happiness are key. We focus on wellbeing, and pride ourselves that students feel confident in school and thrive under our care.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Kelly Lovegrove, Headteacher



Prendergast Ladywell School

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Prendergast Ladywell School is a co-educational, 4 to 16 school where young people from our local community are provided with an excellent education that enables them to achieve outstanding outcomes in a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment.

We are a school that CARES; where Community, Ambition, Resilience, Effort and Success are valued. Reflective and kind students are led by well-trained teachers and professional support staff. We believe that all our students can Achieve Excellence; it's the motto written on the badge of every student in the school. Prendergast Ladywell School provides an excellent education with high quality teaching and a challenging and creative curriculum that enables students' progress and provides a range of enrichment activities. Our students are encouraged to make positive contributions to our school, our community, and become healthy, happy, and engaged members of society.

Our ethos is underpinned by the relationships that the members of our community have with each other. These relationships are built on the foundation of compassion, equity, and mutual respect so that every member of our community has a sense of belonging and are free to develop into the best versions of themselves. Part of the Leathersellers' Federation of Schools, we contribute to and benefit from the collaboration and support our family of schools provide. The forthcoming years at our school will be incredibly exciting. We warmly invite you to be part of our community.

Niall Hand, Headteacher



Prendergast Vale School

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Welcome to Prendergast Vale, a vibrant all-through school (Nursery–Year 11) nestled in the heart of Lewisham. We're part of the Leathersellers' Federation of Schools, but our greatest strength lies in our exceptional educators, who are dedicated to fostering a truly inclusive and nurturing community.

At Prendergast Vale, academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with a nurturing touch. We believe happy, confident children blossom, so we offer individualised attention and personalised support within our small, supportive environment. We're more than a school; we're building a family where each student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Our teachers are dedicated to igniting a love of learning and guiding each student towards success. We celebrate diversity and cater to all learning styles, ensuring every child thrives in a supportive environment. In our small school setting, students build lasting friendships and feel known and cared for. We go beyond textbooks, offering a stimulating and engaging curriculum that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and critical thinking and this equips students with the skills and confidence to become responsible, independent, and successful members of society.

Prendergast Vale offers a unique opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and flourish in a supportive and enriching environment.

Edmund Coogan, Headteacher



St Matthew Academy

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St Matthew Academy, is an outstanding and inspirational place of learning, serving pupils aged 4–16 across Lewisham and beyond.

Choosing St Matthew Academy means choosing an education that is underpinned by academic excellence and high standards, with opportunities at every turn and experiences specifically curated to empower, motivate and foster joy.

We have an unrivalled enrichment programme complements that has been designed to develop important skills and bring learning to life within a different context, all the while stimulating pupils' interest and igniting their passion and talents.

We were delighted when Ofsted recognised us as Outstanding across all areas in March 2025. Our pupils and staff have been showered with praise and the report identified that “the school takes a nurturing and caring approach” and “teachers have a strong subject knowledge”.

We are confident in the opportunities that we offer our pupils, that they will enhance their academic and personal development, our Media and Communication and Sporting Brilliance scholarships and Grammar+ pathways name just a few of these stimulating prospects.

We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you and your child to ensure they flourish and achieve their full potential, fully embracing our academy virtues of Integrity, Courage and Service. Our inclusive Catholic ethos warmly welcomes pupils from all walks of life, regardless of their faith.

We look forward to meeting you during our open event season and our doors are always open for a tour of the academy, led by our exceptional Pupil Ambassadors at a time that suits you.

James Potter, Headteacher



Sedgehill Academy

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At Sedgehill Academy, we offer an outstanding education in a warm and supportive environment, uniting high academic achievement with strong development of character. Rated Good by Ofsted in 2022, Sedgehill Academy is part of United Learning, one of the country's leading education providers. We have high expectations and aspirations for all their students and reject the view that success in life is predetermined or that our talents are fixed. We believe that with hard work, kindness, integrity and excellence, our students will find success, and these values lay at the heart of Academy life, threaded through everything that we do. Our success as a school is evident in the continuing trajectory of year-on-year improvements in GCSE results and student progress measures for the past few years.

In 2024, over 2/3 of Year 11 students achieved a grade 4 or above in both GCSE English and maths, with 55% achieving grade 5 or above in both, and 1/5 of students achieved a grade 7 or above in both GCSE English and math's. In the Sixth Form, over 1/3 of A Levels resulted in A* or A grades, and 48% of Year 13 students achieved all A* to B grades. Students went on to secure places at leading universities including Queen Mary's University of London, Birmingham and Nottingham.

When you visit us, as well as the strong focus on students' academic success, you will find a caring and friendly environment, with a culture of aspiration where everyone is striving to bring out the best in themselves and each other. But at Sedgehill, we believe that there is more to a good education than just academic success. We aim to develop character, compassion and service through delivery of an Education with Character, which challenges, inspires and excites our students, helping them to become happy, confident and successful young adults.

Clare Cassidy, Headteacher



Sydenham School

 Dartmouth Road, Sydenham SE26 4RD
 020 8699 6731



Since 1917, Sydenham School has stood as a premier choice for girls' education. Our diverse and inclusive community extends to our thriving coeducational sixth form, SFH6. We pride ourselves on offering comprehensive educational pathways that consistently produce student outcomes and destinations exceeding national averages.

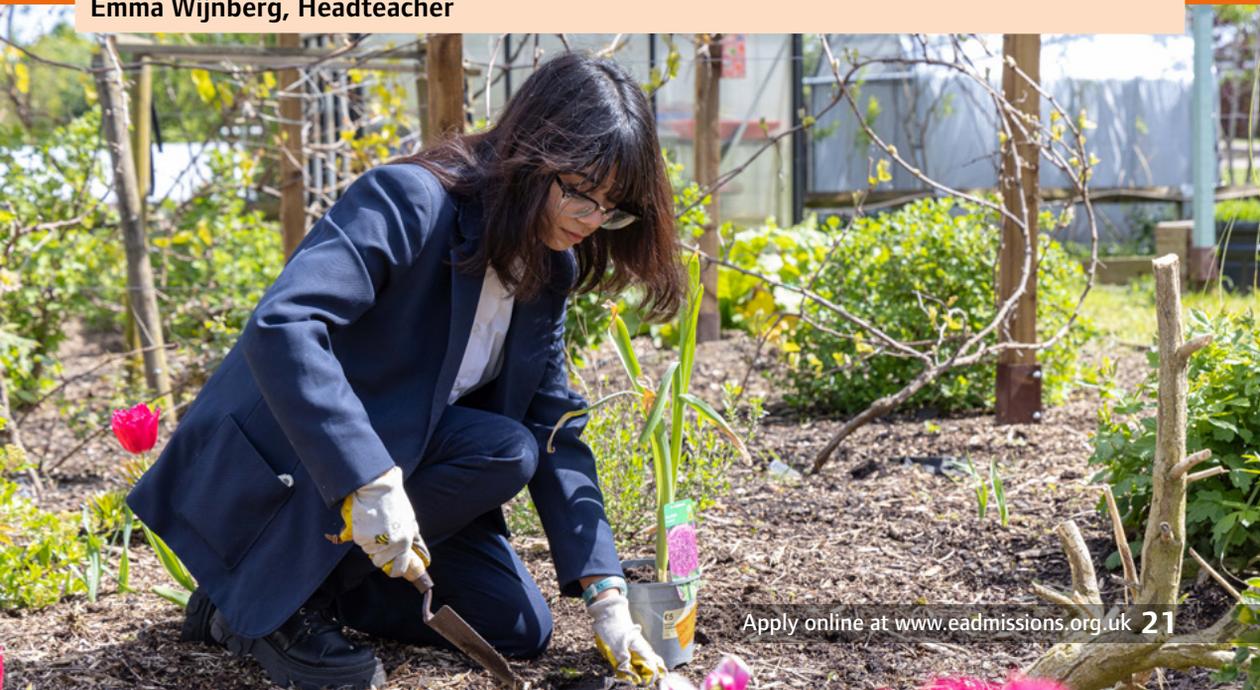
"Aim High" isn't just our motto—it's our promise to every student. Through our core values of ambition, determination, and respect, we make academic excellence accessible to all. Our combination of high-quality teaching and an inclusive curriculum develops successful, open-minded young people with a strong sense of community.

Education at Sydenham extends far beyond classroom walls, with student wellbeing remaining central to our approach, supported by robust pastoral care systems for all students. Students flourish through our comprehensive enrichment program, which includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award, numerous extracurricular clubs, and educational journeys that unlock potential and create meaningful experiences.

Our £24 million building investment has delivered cutting-edge STEM facilities, complemented by our commitment to Performing and Visual Arts, Humanities, and Languages—all fostering confidence, creativity, and global awareness in every student.

We warmly welcome you to visit us.

Emma Wijnberg, Headteacher



Trinity Church of England School

Taunton Road, Lee SE12 8PD
020 8852 3191



At Trinity, we are passionate about providing the very best education for each one of our pupils. We believe that every child has the potential to achieve excellence and are dedicated to nurturing their unique talents and passions through our rich and varied curriculum.

Our commitment extends beyond just academic success. We value the development of the whole child, and our character education programme helps our pupils become caring, open-minded, reflective, courageous, and resilient adults - ready to take on the challenges of the rapidly changing world.

We have high expectations of our pupils, both academically and personally. We support them in acquiring the knowledge and skills they need to succeed, while also encouraging them to develop their creativity, curiosity and critical thinking. We allow them to express their opinions and ideas with confidence and respect and celebrate their achievements, while providing constructive feedback to help them grow.

Trinity School is a place that welcomes and respects people of all faiths and none. We foster a culture of tolerance and understanding, where everyone can feel valued and included. We also promote a strong sense of social responsibility and global citizenship, inspiring our pupils to contribute positively to their local and wider communities.

I am truly proud of our Trinitarians and warmly invite you to join our amazing family. Together, we will embark on a journey of learning, discovery, and personal growth - unlocking the full potential of every child and creating a vibrant and diverse community of learners, where lives are transformed and futures built.

David Lucas, Executive Headteacher



Open days (continued from back page)

Friday 3 October 9–10.30am

Open evening:

Monday 22 September 6–8pm

Haberdashers' Hatcham College

habshatcham.org.uk • 020 7652 9500

Open mornings:

Tuesday 16 September 9.15–10.15am

Wednesday 17 September 9.15–10.15am

Tuesday 30 September 9.15–10.15am

Wednesday 1 October 9.15–10.15am

Monday 6 October 9.15–10.15am

Tuesday 7 October 9.15–10.15am

Open evening:

Thursday 2 October 4–7pm

Haberdashers' Knights Academy

habsknights.org.uk • 020 8461 9240

Thursday 2 October 9.15–10.15am

Tuesday 7 October 9.15–11am

Thursday 9 October 9.15–11am

Tuesday 14 October 9.15–11am

Thursday 16 October 9.15–11am

Open evening:

Tuesday 30 September 4–7pm

Prendergast School

prendergast-school.com • 020 8690 3710

Open mornings:

Monday 8 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 9 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 11 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 18 September 9.15–10.30am

Open evening:

Tuesday 16 September 5–6pm (Music)

Tuesday 16 September 6–7.30pm (Main)

Prendergast Ladywell School

prendergast-ladywell.com • 020 8690 1114

Open mornings:

Thursday 11 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 16 September 9.15–10.30am

Thursday 18 September 9.15–10.30am

Tuesday 23 September 9.15–10.30am

Open evenings:

Tuesday 9 September 6–8pm

Thursday 18 September (virtual) 6–7pm

Prendergast Vale School

prendergast-vale.com • 020 8297 3540

Open mornings:

Monday 15 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 17 September 9.15–10.30am

Friday 19 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 22 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 24 September 9.15–10.30am

Monday 29 September 9.15–10.30am

Wednesday 1 October 9.15–10.30am

Friday 3 October 9.15–10.30am

Open evening:

Thursday 2 October 6–8pm

St Matthew Academy

stmatthewacademy.co.uk • 020 8853 6250

Open mornings:

Tuesday 30 September 9–10am

Thursday 2 October 9–10am

Tuesday 14 October 9–10am

Thursday 16 October 9–10am

Open evening:

Tuesday 23 September 4.30–7pm

Sedgehill Academy

sedgehillacademy.org.uk • 020 8698 8911

Open mornings:

Throughout September and October, please visit www.sedgehillacademy.org.uk for dates.

Open evening:

Thursday 25 September 5–8pm

Sydenham School

sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 6731

Open mornings:

Thursday 11 September 9.15–10.45am

Tuesday 16 September 9.15–10.45am

Wednesday 17 September 9.15–10.45am

Wednesday 24 September 9.15–10.45am

Open evening:

Thursday 25 September 5–7pm

Trinity Church of England School Lewisham

trinitylewisham.org.uk • 020 8852 3191

Open day:

Saturday 20 September 9.30–11.30

Open mornings:

Tuesday 16 September 9.30–10.15am

Tuesday 23 September 9.30–10.15am

Tuesday 30 September 9.30–10.15am

Tuesday 22 October 9.30–10.15am

Important dates

Important dates for the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2026.

September and October 2025	→	Schools open for visits
Monday 1 September 2025	→	Applications open <i>(apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk)</i>
22 September 2025	→	Secondary transfer event
Friday 31 October 2025 <i>(we recommend you submit your online application by Tuesday 28 October 2025)</i>	→	Closing date for applications
Monday 2 March 2026	→	Application results
Monday 16 March 2026	→	Deadline for accepting your offer
May/June/July 2026	→	Independent appeals heard <i>(apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk)</i>

Open days

Secondary schools are currently planning to run physical open events and tours this autumn. You may need to book a place, so it is important to check the school websites and/or contact the school directly.

Addey & Stanhope School

as.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8305 6100

Open mornings:

Tuesday 16 September 9–10.30am

Tuesday 23 September 9–10.30am

Tuesday 30 September 9–10.30am

Open evening:

Wednesday 24 September 5–7.30pm

Bonus Pastor Catholic College

bonuspastor.co.uk • 020 8695 2100

Open mornings: Talk and Tour

Monday 22 September 9.15–10.15am

Tuesday 23 September 9.15–10.15am

Wednesday 24 September 9.15–10.15am

Open evening: Talk and Tour

Thursday 18 September 6pm and 7pm

Conisborough College

conisboroughcollege.co.uk • 020 8461 9600

Open mornings:

Every week term time only Tuesdays and

Fridays starting Tuesday 8 September 2025 and ending 13 July 2026

Open evening:

Tuesday 23 September 5–7pm

Deptford Green School

deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk

• 020 8691 3236

Open mornings:

Monday 22 September 9–10.45am

Tuesday 23 September 9–10.45am

Monday 29 September 9–10.45am

Tuesday 7 October 9–10.45am

Open evening:

Wednesday 1 October 5–7pm

Forest Hill School

foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk • 020 8699 9343

Open mornings: Talk and Tour

Thursday 25 September 9–10.30am

Friday 26 September 9–10.30am

Thursday 2 October 9–10.30am

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