

Residents in Worcestershire applying for Secondary Schools: School Admission Guide for Families

For children attending Primary or Middle Schools born between:

1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 for Year 7 Intake
and 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 for Year 8 Intake
and 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 for Year 9 Intake

Moving on to Secondary school is an exciting step for you and your child, however the process can sometimes appear confusing. This leaflet aims to provide you with some basic information and advice, as well as how and when you need to apply for a Secondary school place.

Even if you already have older siblings in a school, you live in the catchment area for a school, have been placed on an expression of interest register or think you have either already applied or put your child's name down at a school, **you will still need to make and submit an on-line application**. This is very important, if you do not make an application on time, you may not be considered for places until after all those that applied by the closing date.

Visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions to make your application.
Or telephone School Admissions on **01905 822700** if you need assistance.

Applications open on 1st September 2024 and close on 31st October 2024.

You are advised to refer the relevant 2025/2026 Information for Parents book available at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The different types of school

Academies (A)

Academies are publicly funded independent schools. The governing body/academy trust have responsibility for managing the academy and have responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils including their own admissions criteria. Academies don't have to follow the national curriculum and can set their own term times. They still have to follow the same rules on admissions, special educational needs and exclusions as other state schools.

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SEND Information, Advice and Support Service Worcestershire

The **SEND Information, Advice and Support Service** is a Statutory Service at arms' length from Worcestershire Children's Services and is able to provide independent and neutral information, advice and guidance on Special Educational Needs, Non Curriculum issues and Elective Home Education..

To access this service please telephone: 01905 768153 or email sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk.

When and How to Apply for a High School place for the Academic Year 2025/2026

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Parents of children resident outside Worcestershire

If you are not resident in Worcestershire, then you should obtain admission details from your home LA and apply from your home LA, even if your preferences include schools within Worcestershire.

Offer Date

Offers will be issued on **3rd March 2025**. They will be issued direct to parents, by School Admissions, even if it is on behalf of the governing body of an Academy, Foundation, Free or Voluntary Aided School, or a school in a neighbouring LA.

In the few cases, where it may not be possible to offer a place at any of the preferences nominated on the application, a place will be offered at the nearest school with available places for pupils who live in Worcestershire.

The acceptance or decline of the offer must be made by the date specified.

For pupils not resident in Worcestershire, the offer or refusal will be sent direct to parents by the home LA, even if it is for a school in Worcestershire.

What do I need to do?

4. Decide which schools

This information is vitally important. You are strongly advised to use all of the three preferences



Mythbusters and Tips

Mythbusters

- Listing only one preference does not increase your chance of getting into that school.
 - Applying for more than one school does not weaken your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.
 - Naming schools that you are very unlikely to get as your second and third preferences will not increase your chances of getting your first preference school. The other schools you applied for are not considered when deciding who to offer places to.
 - Applying for your catchment school does not mean you will be automatically offered a place there. If you can be offered a school which is higher on your list, you will be. If your catchment school is
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Location of High Schools in Worcestershire

(1) BEWDLEY (Yr 7 entry)

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre

(2) BROMSGROVE (Yr 9 entry)

North Bromsgrove High School

South Bromsgrove High School

(3) DROITWICH (Yr 8 entry)

Droitwich Spa High School

(4) EVESHAM (Yr 9 entry)

The De Montfort School

Prince Henry's High School

(5) HAGLEY (Yr 7 entry)

Hagley Catholic High School

Haybridge High School & Sixth Form

(6) KIDDERMINSTER (Yr 7 entry)

Baxter Business & Enterprise College

Holy Trinity School

King Charles I School

Wolverley CE Secondary

(7) MALVERN (Yr 7 entry)

The Chase School

Dyson Perrins CE Academy

(8) MARTLEY (Yr 7 entry)

The Chantry School

(9) PERSHORE (Yr 7 & Yr 8 entry)

Pershore High School

(10) REDDITCH

(Yr 9 and/or Yr 7 entry)

Arrow Vale High School

Ridgeway Secondary School

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

St Augustine's Catholic High School

Trinity High & Sixth Form Centre

(11) RUBERY (Yr 7 entry)

Waseley Hills High School & Sixth Form Centre

(12) STOURPORT UPON SEVERN (Yr 7 entry)

The Stourport High School & Sixth

Form Centre

(13) TENBURY (Yr 7 entry)

Tenbury High Ormiston Academy

(14) UPTON UPON SEVERN (Yr 7 entry)

Hanley Castle High School

Dates of Open Events in 2024 at Worcestershire Schools

The table below tells you what date each school will hold its open event. It is in alphabetical order within district. Full details of each open event including dates of any visits during the day can be found on the individual schools website.

Town	School Name and Website Address	Date and time of open event
Bewdley	The Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk	Tuesday 17 September 2024
Bromsgrove	North Bromsgrove High School www.northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk	Thursday 19 September 2024 5.30-8.30pm Sixth form Thursday 24 October 2024
	South Bromsgrove High School www.southbromsgrove.org.uk	Thursday 3 October 2024 Sixth form Thursday 14 November 2024



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Checklist for applying - 31st October 2024 is the closing date for Secondary School applications.

Visited the website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions and read the relevant '2025/26 Information for Parents' book.

Visited Schools and obtained a School Prospectus. † chow f

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