

6th September 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents

Re: Secondary Transfer

I know your child has only just started Year 5 but I wanted to write to you regarding Secondary School transfer, so that you are forewarned about what will be happening next year.

You will need to apply for a place at secondary school for your child by **October 2024**. I will hold a meeting for Year 5 parents about this (when your child is in Year 6), in early September 2024, to go through the application process. If you look on our school website you will find the schools children have gone to in previous years. <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/parents/secondary-transfer/>

You will notice that there are lots of different schools that children go on to and not just one or two feeder schools. Every school has their own admissions criteria and these need to be studied carefully for each particular school's requirements.

There are lots of things to consider when making your decision about what secondary school you want your child to go to. Do you want a Catholic school, a mixed or single-sex school, a selective school etc? It is also important to consider the journey your child would need to do each day to get there and how easy or difficult that may be. Also if you have more than one child, is it necessary/important to you that they each go to the same school? You will be advised to always include the secondary school that you live closest to on your application form, so if you haven't already done so, find out what that is.

Catholic Schools require additional forms such as a "Supplementary Information Form", to be completed. Some Catholic schools, (such as Finchley Catholic High) also request a certificate of "Catholic Practice" which you will need to complete this time next year (or during the summer term 2024 if you have a daughter and would like her to go to St Michael's). You will have to do this even if you already have a child attending that Catholic secondary school.

From next week on and for the next few weeks, secondary schools will be holding their open evenings for you to visit. Each school website will provide information about the dates and times and some also offer visits during the day. Please note that time out of school to visit secondary schools is only authorised for Year 5 *during the summer term* and the autumn term of Year 6. The following schools may be of interest to you (*in date order*):-

Finchley Catholic High School (boys) – Tuesday 12th September 5pm – 8pm [Finchley Catholic High School - Home](#)

The Wren Academy – Monday 18th September 5.30pm [Open Evening and Academy Tours - Welcome to Wren Enfield \(wrenacademyenfield.org\)](#)

St Ignatius College for boys – Tuesday 19th September 5.30 plus open mornings – see their website [Welcome to St Ignatius College \(st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk\)](#)

Loreto College (girls) – Tuesday 26th September 4.30-7.30pm
<https://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/admissions/secondary-transfer/>

Winchmore Secondary School – Wednesday 27th September 6-9pm [Winchmore School - Home](#)

Broomfield Secondary school – Several open mornings – can't see an open evening
[Secondary School Education | Broomfield School | England](#)

St Anne's Catholic High School for girls - Monday 2nd October 6-8pm [St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls - Home \(st-annes.enfield.sch.uk\)](#)

St Thomas More Catholic School (mixed) – Tuesday 3rd October 5-7.30pm
[St Thomas More - Admissions & Virtual School Tour \(stthomasmoreschool.org.uk\)](#)

Ashmole Academy (mixed) – Thursday 5th October
<https://www.ashmoleacademy.org/page/?title=Admissions+and+Appeals&pid=41>

Southgate Secondary School – Thursday 12th October 6-8.15pm
[Welcome to Southgate School](#)

Highlands Secondary School – Monday 16th October 6-9pm [Highlands School - Home](#)

If you wish your child to sit an entrance exam for a selective school, these will take place during the summer term and/or early September 2024. You will need to register your interest for some of these schools during the summer term 2024. If you are not sure whether your child has the level of academic ability required to be successful in a selective school, I would be happy to give you an indication of this based on the assessments we do at school. Lots of children from St Monica's sit entrance exams but please note, it is very competitive and it would not be recommended to put your child through a stressful process if they are not naturally very academic. Do think carefully whether you think your child will be able to manage this – I am happy to talk you through this process.

Other schools such as Ashmole, Dame Alice Owen and Enfield Grammar offer places based on Music auditions; you will need to register your interest for this sometime in the summer term 2024.

Until we have our meeting next September, try not to worry about the process of applying as all this will be explained then. I have been through the process three times now and I am happy to say we have all survived!

Yours sincerely
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher