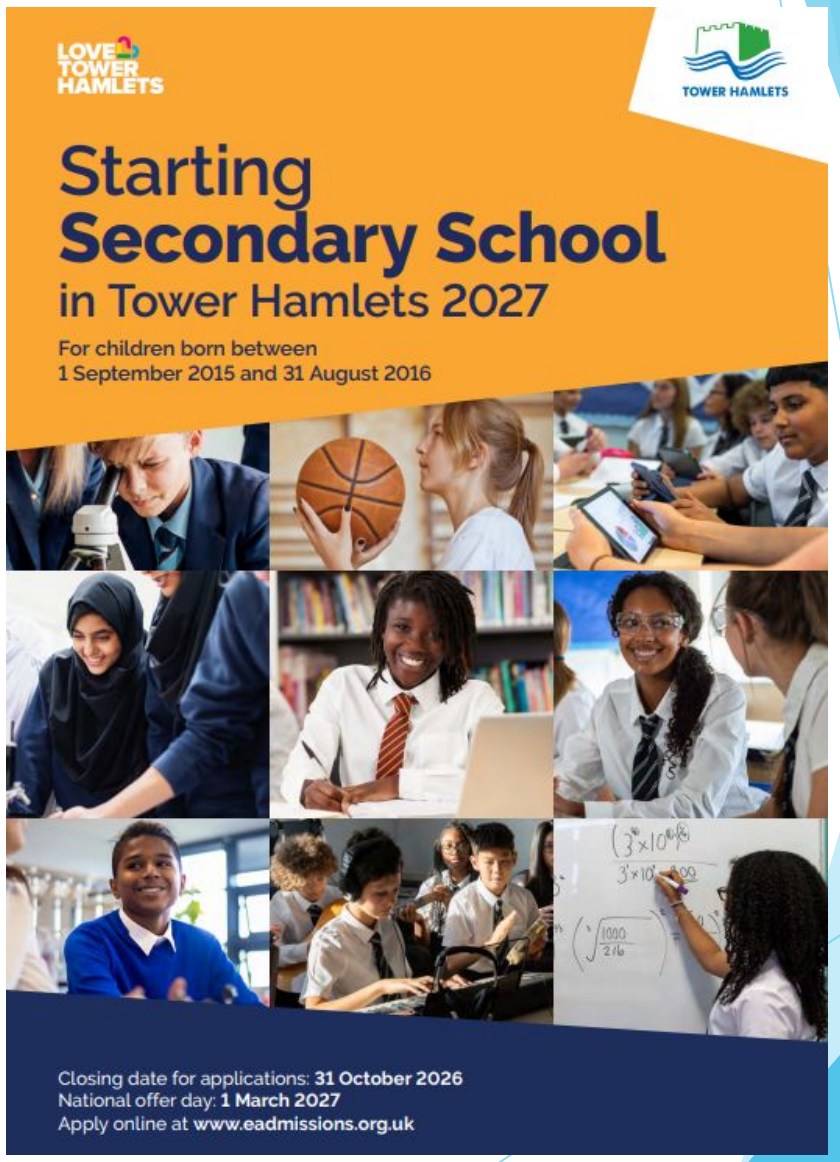
Ready for Secondary School 2027

Meeting Friday 18th September 2026
9.00am

It is now time for you to choose a secondary school with your child ready for them to attend in September 2027

Moving to Secondary School is a very exciting time for our Year 6 pupils but it can also be a time when families may need some support and advice to help them choose the right school for their child

A letter was emailed to you with information regarding how to apply for a Secondary School and support available.



Supporting your child with Secondary Transition



- Read the Tower Hamlets Schools brochure or website for information on schools, dates you can visit and admission criteria with your child
- Talk to your child about their hopes for the future and their interests
- Speak with your child about which school they would like and why
- Visit the schools before deciding which one you prefer
- Attend school visits during the daytime as well as evenings - it is helpful to see the school whilst pupils are working
- **Take your child** with you when visiting schools
- Give your child plenty of praise and encouragement
- Reassure your child that they are not alone if they are feeling anxious and problems can be overcome when shared

If you need help – talk to us or support is available: 0207 364 4784/6460/2753/ email: transitions@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Open Mornings/Evenings

Most schools provide open days. You can book this visit via email, links on the school website or by calling the school.

Please check websites for up to date information before visiting.

You can take your child to visit your chosen schools during school time. Let the school office know which days you are going and times you will be back. Your child MUST return to school.



1 Visiting dates

School	Open mornings	Open evenings
Bishop Challoner Catholic School www.bishop.towerhamlets.sch.uk	Monday 28 September – Friday 9 October. Please arrive by 9.15am	Thursday 24 September, 4pm
Bow School www.bow-school.org.uk	Monday 21, Thursday 24, Monday 28 September, Thursday 1, Tuesday 13, Thursday 15 October, 9.45am-10.30am and 11.30am-12.15pm 4-5pm Tour	Wednesday 7 October, 4.30pm-7pm
Canary Wharf College Crossharbour www.canarywharfcollege.co.uk	Tuesday, 28, Wednesday, 30 September, Thursday 1 October and Wednesday 14 October, 9.15-10.45am	Wednesday 23 September, 5-7pm
Central Foundation Girls' School www.cfgs.co.uk	Wednesday 30 September, Thursday 1 October & Friday 2 October, 9.30-10.30am	Tuesday 28 September, 4.30-6.30pm
George Green's School www.georgegreens.com	TBC – See school website	TBC – See school website
Langdon Park School www.langdonparkschool.co.uk	Thursday 17 & Friday 18 September, Thursday 8 & Friday 9 October, 9-10.30am	Thursday 1 October, 4.30-7.30pm
London Enterprise Academy www.londonenterpriseacademy.org	Monday 14 – Friday 25 September, 9.15-11.45am	Tuesday 15 September & Thursday 1 October, 4.30-6.30pm
	Weekend: Saturday 10 October, 10am-1pm	
Morpeth School www.morpethschool.org.uk	Monday 14, Friday 18, Tuesday 22 & Thursday 24 September, Wednesday 7, Monday 12 & Thursday 15 October, 9.30-11.15am	Thursday 8 October, 4-7pm
	Additional Tours: Friday 25 September, Monday 5, Friday 16 & Wednesday 21 October, 9.30-10.30am **Book online to attend an additional tour:** www.morpethschool.org.uk/2166/admissions-2022	
Mulberry Academy London Dock www.mulberrylondondock.org	Monday 14 – Friday 18 & Monday 21 – Friday 25 September, 9.15am. Please book online via our website	Tuesday 28 September, 4-6.30pm

How to Apply

You need to apply online via the **Eadmissions Portal**

You can apply for up to 6 Schools. Please ensure that you choose at **least 3** preferred choice schools. If your chosen school is oversubscribed, you will then have to re-apply to schools that have vacancies available in March 2027 On some occasions Pupil Services will allocate a place that is not on your list of choices.

Your online application needs to be completed by **31 October 2026** We strongly advise that all applications are completed before this date to allow for any last minute issues with login/forgotten passwords or internet connection problems.

Once you have applied for your schools, please can you complete our online google form (sent in the letter/school website). This will need to be completed before **24th October** This is to help us to ensure that every child in our school has applied for a secondary school place. Please note that you can change your choices up to the **31st October 2026.**



Supporting your child with Secondary Transition SEND Children with a EHCP Plan



- Read the Tower Hamlets Schools brochure or website for information on different schools and dates to visit schools
- Tower Hamlets parents and carers received a covering letter/application form explaining the application process via email in June, Miss Drew has also sent home paper copies for you this week
- Parents/carers can express their preference for **up to** three schools
- It is a requirement within Tower Hamlets to give **at least** two preferences.
- Miss Drew will help and support you throughout the process
- There is an earlier deadline of 24th October to submit your choices- Miss Drew is very happy to scan and email your form into SEN on your behalf

Please note you must not make an online application if your child currently has an EHCP.

- If your child however is under assessment for an EHCP, you must still complete an online application, and Miss Drew will discuss with you the process should an EHCP be issued for your child.
- Secondary schools for children with an EHCP will be considered at the Special Educational Needs Secondary Transfer Panel.



1. If you are making an application to an independent, faith school or a school outside Tower Hamlets you may need to complete a supplementary form. You can get these directly from the school and then return to them.
2. We strongly recommend that you still add Tower Hamlets schools to your application in case you do not get a place in your chosen school
3. If you are applying to schools that are not in Tower Hamlets, you will still need to add the school to your online application form.
4. If you live outside of Tower Hamlets you will receive information from the borough that you live in. The deadline is still the same as Tower Hamlets.
5. Children with an EHCP have received a paper application form (you do not need to apply online) Deadline before 24th October.

Supplementary Forms

The Tower Hamlets schools listed below also require you to fill in a supplementary form as well as the Eadmissions Online Form.

You can access the forms via the schools website.

Stepney All Saints

Bishop Challoner Boys & Girls Schools

Canary Wharf College

Banding arrangements for Year 7 entry in September 2027

What is CATs?

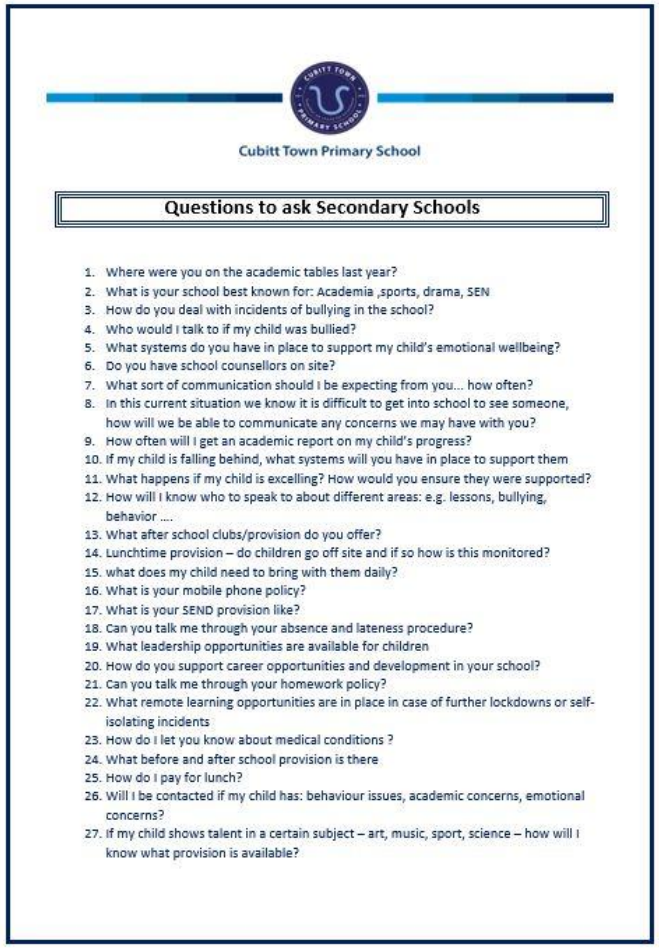
It is cognitive ability test that assesses a pupil's ability in four areas:

Verbal Reasoning – the ability to express ideas and reason through words
Non-verbal Reasoning – problem-solving using pictures and diagrams
Spatial Reasoning – to look at a shape and imagine what it would look like from different angle
Quantitative Reasoning – the ability to use numerical skills to solve a mathematical problem.

The test scores will allow the Local Authority to rank and band pupils into four equal groups (A, B, C and D) known as banding

Your child will complete the online test at school. Please look out for dates as children must be in school to write them.

Help & Support available in School



Cubitt Town Primary School

Questions to ask Secondary Schools

1. Where were you on the academic tables last year?
2. What is your school best known for: Academia ,sports, drama, SEN
3. How do you deal with incidents of bullying in the school?
4. Who would I talk to if my child was bullied?
5. What systems do you have in place to support my child's emotional wellbeing?
6. Do you have school counsellors on site?
7. What sort of communication should I be expecting from you... how often?
8. In this current situation we know it is difficult to get into school to see someone, how will we be able to communicate any concerns we may have with you?
9. How often will I get an academic report on my child's progress?
10. If my child is falling behind, what systems will you have in place to support them
11. What happens if my child is excelling? How would you ensure they were supported?
12. How will I know who to speak to about different areas: e.g. lessons, bullying, behavior ....
13. What after school clubs/provision do you offer?
14. Lunchtime provision – do children go off site and if so how is this monitored?
15. what does my child need to bring with them daily?
16. What is your mobile phone policy?
17. What is your SEND provision like?
18. Can you talk me through your absence and lateness procedure?
19. What leadership opportunities are available for children
20. How do you support career opportunities and development in your school?
21. Can you talk me through your homework policy?
22. What remote learning opportunities are in place in case of further lockdowns or self-isolating incidents
23. How do I let you know about medical conditions ?
24. What before and after school provision is there
25. How do I pay for lunch?
26. Will I be contacted if my child has: behaviour issues, academic concerns, emotional concerns?
27. If my child shows talent in a certain subject – art, music, sport, science – how will I know what provision is available?

If you need any help with filling in your application, we will be hosting one-to-one sessions in the Community House on the following days:

Wednesday 14th October from 9.30am-12.45pm
Wednesday 21st October from 1.45pm-2.45pm or 3.30pm-4.30pm

If you wish to book one of these sessions, please sign up using the online google form following this link https://forms.gle/c2sapp5GdCkNs7S17 and Jacqui Jenkins will be in touch to confirm your appointment. There will be no admission without an appointment.

Tower Hamlets
School Admissions & Transitions Support Team



Moving Up 2027 - Applying to Secondary School

Book your place here
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/moving-up-2027-applying-to-secondary-school-tickets-199346846238?aff=oddtdtcreator

Various sessions will be delivered on TEAMS

Key Dates

23rd October 2026 - suggested deadline from Tower Hamlets Pupil Admissions to submit your application. This is to help ensure that every child in our school has applied for a secondary school place. **You can change your application up until the 31st October 2026**

Applications for EHCP Children to be submitted before the 15th October 2026

Monday 31st October 2025 statutory deadline for receipt of applications (Eadmissions deadline)

1st March 2027 Parents will be able to log into their account on eadmissions to view the outcome of their application. You will also receive an email, this is sent after 5pm. Children with EHCP Plans will be notified before the National offer day.

Parents/Carers of pupils without an offer at a preferred school can apply to the waiting lists of other schools

March 2026 Pupil Services allocate places to pupils who did not successfully secure a place in their chosen schools.

29th March - Closing date for appeals

April, May and June 2026 - Appeals take place for Tower Hamlets secondary schools

After national offer day

You get first choice - you are happy and your child will now go to school of choice

You do not get your first choice - you can appeal to the school you did not get during first choice by going onto their website and following their appeal procedures

You get given a LA chosen school - you can appeal to the school you did not get during first choice by going onto their website and following their procedures

April, May and June are appeal dates for different schools

If you are offered a new school after the appeal YOU MUST let us know. We send your child's information on to their new school and do not want the information to go to the wrong school.

If your child is attending an Islamic or Independent school - please let us know as soon as possible for the reasons above

Waiting Lists

If your child is not offered a place at your first preference school or you are offered one of your lower preference schools, your child will need to either start at the lower preference school but will still be added to the waiting list of your first preference. They will remain on this list until December 2027 when you will need to reapply if you wish for your child to change schools.
Admissions policies for the following schools are available from the schools' websites:

- **Bishop Challoner**
- **Canary Wharf College Crossharbour**
- **London Enterprise Academy**
- **Stepney All Saints CofE Secondary School**
- **St Paul's Way Trust**
- **Wapping High School**

School Uniform Grants & Zip Cards



https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/benefits/School-clothing-grants.aspx

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tu7mMA8rd0&authuser=0

Children aged over 10 years and 11 months on 31 August can get an 11-15 Zip Oyster photocard.

https://www.ctpschool.org/parents/secondary-transfer



Questions