

Essex Secondary School Admissions 2027-2028

For Y6 Children Starting Secondary School in
September 2027



Friday 18th September 2026

Great Berry Primary School - Part of CRESCO Multi Academy Trust



Priority Admission (Catchment) Areas

Welcome to the priority admission area section. Using the form below you can check which schools' priority admission area an address is located in. Simply enter your postcode below and select your address from the list of results. Please ensure you read all of the information on the page once results are displayed.

Please note that living in the priority admission (catchment) area of a school does not guarantee entitlement to school transport. Please use the link to the school transport pages to find information about home to [school transport](#) and the transport policy criteria.

Please use capital letters with no spaces e.g. CM11QH



Please select your address

Primary school(s)

[Great Berry Primary School](#)

Forest Glade, Langdon Hills, Basildon, SS16 6SG

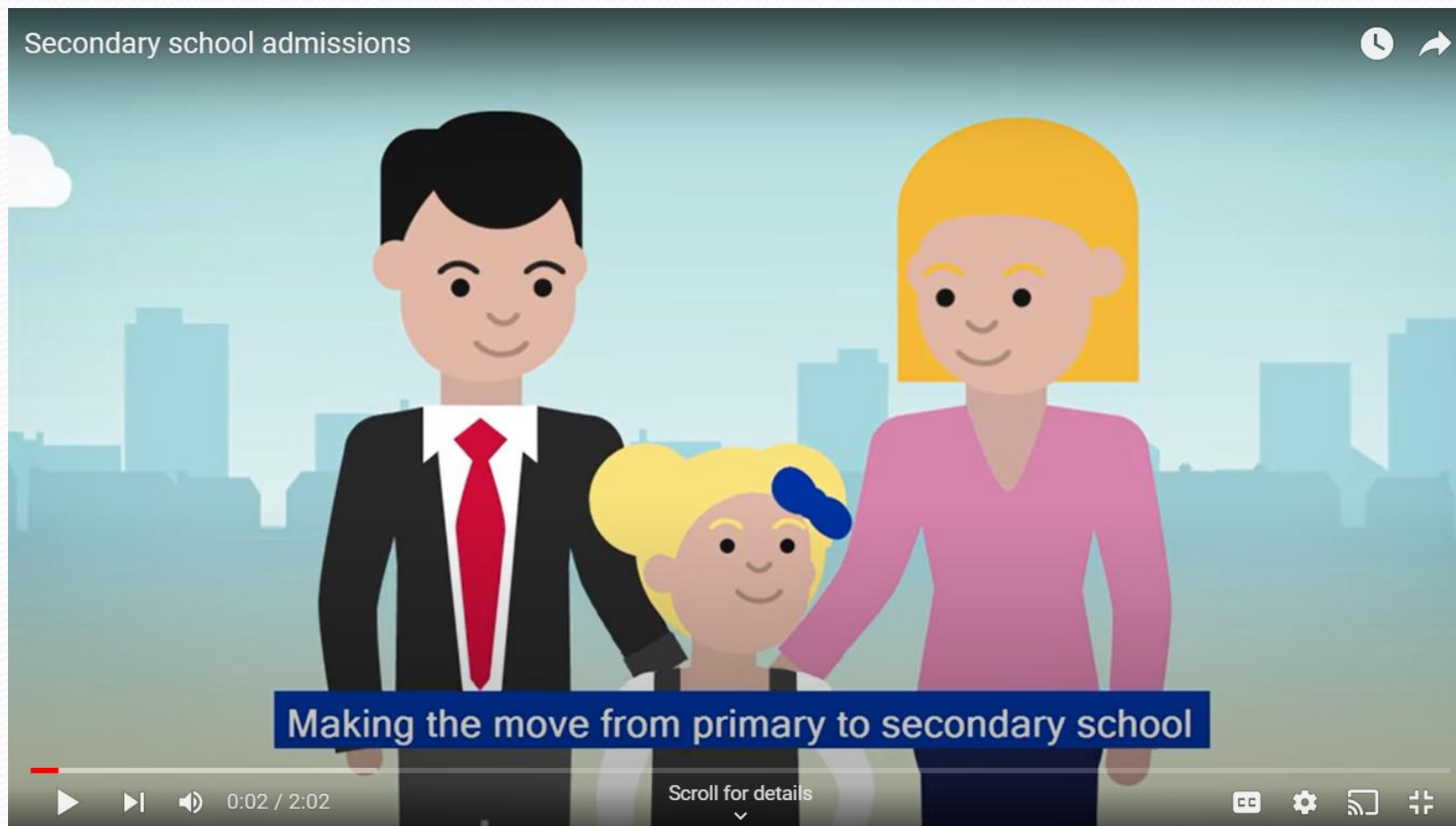
Secondary school(s)

Based on the information you have provided, there are no schools with a specified Priority Admission Area that includes this address.

Please check the Admissions Arrangements for any schools you are interested in for your child in the relevant Schools Admission Policies Directory, via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets>.

If you require further assistance, please email School Admissions at school.admissions@essex.gov.uk

Admissions September 2027



Key Dates

- 12th September 2026- Admission window opened
- Online application facility
- September 11+ Examinations
- 12th October 11+ Results sent to parents via email
- *(Results will be sent out by email to all candidates after the close of business on 12th October. Please allow 24 hours for receipt.)*
- **31st October – Application Deadline**
- 1st March – National Offer Date
- 13th April – deadline to make an appeal
- April – July – Appeals heard

CAFs, SIFs and Specialist aptitude/ability criterion

- **Common application form** - completed online (99%) or download form from website
- Make sure you receive an acknowledgement
- **Supplementary Information Form** for some schools - will be mentioned in the individual admissions policy
- Specialist aptitude/ability criterion
- Check individual schools admission policies.

Completing the CAF

- Details are checked - explains about moving house and dual addresses on website
- Late applications go to the bottom of the pile regardless of other criteria
- Make up to 6 choices
- CAF can be used for schools outside Essex (Havering, Thurrock, Southend)
- If you live outside Essex (Southend, Thurrock) you need to apply using the relevant form

Choices

- All schools (LEA and Academies) have to have set admission policy.
- VA/Academy - admissions controlled by governing body except Reception and Y6 into Y7.
- All forms go to county - each individual school's admission criteria applies.
- Parents of children with EHCP can nominate school
- LAC legally have to be number 1 criteria
- Then Priority Admission (catchment) and/or Siblings
- Other categories

Children taking 11+ Tests

- Grammar schools must be put as first choices if you wish your child to be considered.

If your preferred schools include grammar schools, you need to include them on your application and you need to consider the order of your schools carefully. The LA will process your application in line with the order of your preferences and offer the highest of your preferences that can be met under the admissions criteria. This means that, even if your child obtains a score high enough to be offered your grammar preference, if you have named another school higher and it can be offered, the LA will offer the higher named preference.

Admissions Criteria

- Admissions Website
- Secondary Education in Essex
- Individual School Policies
- Applications received includes all 6 choices!
- Priority Admission Area and Siblings
- Named Schools/Religious Grounds/Medical
- Specialist criteria/aptitude

St Martin's School

Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 2HG
Telephone: (01277) 238300
Email: enquiries@st-martins.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr J Foster
Academy (Co-educational)
11-18
School Number: 881-5433

Published admission number Sept 2027: **292**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **1189**
Number on roll Jan 2026: **1464**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 7

Admissions Policy +

You must always ensure that you have checked any testing dates or arrangements on the school website.

In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated in rank order according to the following criteria:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.
2. Children with a sibling# at St Martin's School Brentwood in Year 7 to Year 11 at the time of application and admission.
3. Children who attend Hogarth Primary School, Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School or Larchwood Primary School at the time of application for a place at St Martin's School.
4. Children of staff at St Martin's School Brentwood.
 - i. The staff member may be full or part time, and teaching or non-teaching staff. They must spend more than 50% of their working week during term time based at St Martin's School. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not possible to have priority for more than one Discovery Educational Trust School.
 - ii. The staff member must have been (a) employed at St Martin's School for two or more years at the time of application on a permanent contract, or two or more consecutive fixed term one-year contracts, and/or (b) recruited to fill a vacant post at St Martin's School for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 - iii. A 'child of a staff member' means their natural child or adopted child, whether they live with the staff member or elsewhere, or their long-term foster child,

step-child (the child of their spouse or civil partner) or the child of their cohabiting partner where the child lives and sleeps for more than 50% of their time from Sunday to Thursday night during term time at the home address recorded for the staff member in their HR file.

iv. For the avoidance of doubt, a child of another family member (e.g. niece, nephew or grandchild) or friend will not be a 'child of a staff member', even if they live at the same address as the staff member.
v. The staff member must be the parent whose details are given in the application form, as obtaining details for more than one parent is prohibited. A signed and dated letter on headed notepaper from the staff member's Line Manager confirming that they meet (a) and/or (b) above must be submitted with the application for inclusion in this category to be considered.

5. Children living within the Priority Admission Area. The applicant child's home address (as defined in this Policy) must be located within the Priority Admission Area for St Martin's School as shown in the Priority Admission Area Map published on the St Martin's School website.
6. Children applying for a place in Year 7 who demonstrate an aptitude in sport or music. Up to 29 places (10% of the PAN) for Year 7 will be allocated to children who qualified for consideration of an aptitude place*.
7. Children who attend other named feeder schools
 - Bentley St Paul's C of E Primary School
 - Blackmore Primary School
 - Doddinghurst C of E Junior School
 - Great Berry Primary School
 - Holy Trees Primary
 - Hutton All Saints C of E Primary School
 - Ingatstone and Fryerning C of E Junior School
 - Ingrave Johnstone C of E Primary School
 - Long Ridings Primary School
 - Mountnessing C of E Primary School
 - Shenfield St Mary's C of E Primary School
 - St Helen's Catholic Junior School
 - St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School
 - St Peter's C of E Primary School
 - St Thomas of Canterbury C of E Primary School
 - Warley Primary School
 - West Horndon Primary School
 - Willowbrook Primary School.
8. All other children.

The sibling must be on the roll in Years 7 to 11 at St

Martin's School at the time of application, and will still be on the roll in Years 7 to 11 at the time of the applicant child's admission. For the avoidance of doubt, siblings who are in Year 12 or 13 at the time of application, or who will be in Year 12 at the time of admission (having transferred from Year 11) will not meet the definition of a 'sibling' for the purpose of this Policy.

'sibling' means a full brother or sister (sharing both parents), a half brother or sister (sharing one parent), an adopted brother or sister (sharing one or both parents), a long-term foster brother or sister (a looked after child), a step brother or sister (where one child's parent is married or in a civil partnership with the other child's parent) and a child of the applicant child's parent's cohabiting partner.

In all cases, the sibling must live at the applicant child's home address (as defined in this Policy) and be part of the same core family unit. For the avoidance of doubt, a child of a family member (e.g. cousin or grandchild) or child of a friend will not be a 'sibling', even if they live at the same address as the applicant child.

* Aptitude Places for Year 7

The school allocates up to 10% of the places available in the PAN for Year 7 (up to 29 places) to children who demonstrate an aptitude for sport and music.

Typically, up to 15 places will be allocated to children, who demonstrate an aptitude for sport and, typically, up to 14 places will be allocated to children, who demonstrate an aptitude for music. In circumstances where there are fewer qualifying children in either aptitude group, the number of places in the other aptitude group will be increased by the shortfall. For example, if only ten children meet the qualifying threshold in music, up to 19 places will then be available to children meeting the qualifying criteria in sport.

Where fewer than 29 children overall qualify for an aptitude place, all remaining places will be allocated in accordance with the remaining oversubscription criteria.

Where a parent wishes for their child to sit an aptitude test, they must complete the 'Request for Aptitude Testing Form' and return this via the online application

platform or to Miss Neal, Admissions Manager, St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 2HG or by email to sneal@st-martins.essex.sch.uk by the deadline stated on the 'Request for Aptitude Testing Form'. Parents can apply for their child's aptitude to be tested in one subject only. Parents will then be notified by St Martin's school of the details and date of the test. Tests will be held during the Autumn term.

Sport aptitude testing:

The aptitude test will measure the aptitude of a child across the following four areas: agility, power, speed and cardiovascular fitness. All children will also take part in a sporting activity designed to be new to all children taking part in the test, and is designed to measure a child's potential for sporting aptitude. The test is designed to test the potential for the learning of sport, and no previous or current sporting training will be considered as part of the scoring process. Children will not need to prepare for the test and no prior knowledge, experience or training of any sport is required or will be taken into consideration when scoring.

Music aptitude testing:

Children sitting the musical aptitude test will be tested in four areas: pitch, melody, improvisation and rhythm. The test is designed to test the potential for the learning of music, and no previous or current musical knowledge, experience or training will be considered as part of the scoring process. Children will not need to prepare for the test and no prior knowledge, experience or training of music is required or will be taken into consideration when scoring.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed and returned to the school.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by written request.

Admissions to Sixth Form

Admission to the Sixth Form is available to both internal and external applicants. All applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen pathway. In addition, students must meet subject specific requirements. Full details are published in the school prospectus and on the St Martin's School website.

Brentwood County High School

Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust

Shenfield Common, Brentwood CM14 4JF
Telephone: (01277) 238900
Email: bchs@osborne.coop
Website: www.brentwood-county-high.osborne.coop
Headteacher: Mr S. Bonnar
Academy (Co-educational)
11-18
School Number: 881-4027

Published admission number Sept 2027: **210**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **623**
Number on roll Jan 2026: **892**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 6

Admissions Policy

Criteria to be used in the following order, in the event of over-subscription:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Priority will next be given to the children of staff in the following circumstances:
 - a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
 - b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Priority will next be given to children whose siblings* currently attend the school and will continue to do so on the date of admission.
4. Residence in the priority admissions area, distances are calculated by the Local Authority as described in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet 2026/27.
5. Admission of pupils who attend any named feeder junior or primary school:
 - Bentley St. Paul's CE (V/A) Primary school
 - Blackmore Primary School
 - Bonnygate Primary School - Thurrock
 - Bulphan CE (V/C) Primary School
 - Chipping Ongar Primary School
 - Doddinghurst C of E Junior School
 - Dr. Walker's CE (VC) Primary School
 - Great Berry Primary School- Basildon
 - Harold Court Primary School- Havering
 - Harold Wood Primary School- Havering
 - High Ongar Primary School
 - Hogarth Primary School
 - Holly Trees Primary School
 - Janet Duke Primary School- Basildon

- Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School
- Larchwood Primary School Pilgrims Hatch
- Lincewood Primary School - Basildon lincewood
- Moreton CE (V/A) Primary School
- Noak Bridge Primary School - Basildon
- Orsett CE Primary - Thurrock
- St. Helen's Catholic Junior School
- St. Peter's CE (V/A) Primary School South Weald
- St. Thomas of Canterbury CE (VA) Primary School
- Stapleford Abbots Primary School
- Warley Primary School
- West Horndon Primary School
- Woodside Academy - Thurrock

6. Other children by distance from the school. Distances are calculated by the Local Authority as described in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet 2027/2028.

*For the purpose of allocating places, sibling means:

- Full sibling living at the same address as the applicant.
- Step sibling living at the same address as the applicant.
- Half sibling living at the same address as the applicant.
- Long term foster sibling living at the same address as the applicant.

Twins, triplets etc. If the last child to be offered a place is a twin and their sibling cannot be offered initially, both twins will be offered a place. In the case of triplets or other multiple births, if the majority of children can be offered a place initially, we will offer places to the remaining child or children. For example, if two triplets can be offered a place, the remaining child will also receive an offer of a place.

Admissions to Sixth Form

Further details regarding the entry requirements and the courses available can be obtained from the school.

Harris Academy Billericay

School Road, Billericay CM12 9LH
Telephone: (01277) 655191
Email: info@billericayschool.com
Website: www.billericayschool.com
Head of Academy: Mr R Tannahill
Academy (Co-educational)
11-18
School Number: 881-5468

Published admission number Sept 2027: **280**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **1063**
Number on roll Jan 2026: **1385**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 6

Admissions Policy

In the event of over-subscription, priority for admission to the school will be determined by the Governing Body in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet).
2. Children of staff at the School (this includes step children living at the permanent address of the member of staff) who fall under either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or;
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Children residing in the School's Priority Admission Area. (A guidance map of defined priority admission area is available on the school website or priority admission areas can be checked using the Catchment Area Finder on the Essex County Council website).
4. Children with a sibling* attending the school (at time of application/determination).
5. Children attending (in Year 6 at time of application/determination) one of the following named feeder schools:

- Quilters Junior School
- South Green Junior School
- Sunnymede Primary School
- St Peters RC Primary School, Billericay

6. Distance from the home to school (based on straight line measurement) with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

A separate admissions process exists for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

* A sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister, living in the same family unit at the same family household and address who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year at the time of application and there is a reasonable expectation that the older sibling will still be attending at the time of the younger child's admission. Biological and adopted siblings who attend the school in any year group excluding the final year at the time of application will also be treated as siblings irrespective of their place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

A sibling link to a child in Year 11 or Year 12 at the time of application will be taken to exist where there is a reasonable expectation that the child may return to the school for a post 16 course of study. Having an older sibling in Year 13 will not qualify an applicant for a sibling place.

Home address is considered to be the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident' as detailed in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet.

Tie-break.

If a tie-break is required in any category to decide who has priority for admission between two children for the last available place, distance from the school will be used. In the unlikely event of distances being the same for two or more applicants, random allocation will be used to decide who has highest priority for admission. This process will be independently verified.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

BASILDON

Harris Academy Kingswood

Woodlands Approach, off Nether Mayne, Basildon
SS16 5BA
Telephone: (01268) 282146
Email: woodlands@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.woodlandsschool.org
Headteacher: Mr D Wright
Academy (Co-educational)
11–16
School Number: 881-4014

Published admission number Sept 2027: **300**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **1113**
Number on roll Jan 2026: **1513**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 5

Admissions Policy*

You must always ensure that you have checked any testing dates or arrangements on the school website.

There is no guarantee of a place in the school. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. children with a sibling* attending the school;
3. children of staff at the Harris Academy Kingswood
(a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or;
(b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. aptitude for Performing Arts or Sport*;
5. straight line distance to school.

* Up to 30 children (10% of Published Admission Number) who have an aptitude for either Performing Arts or Sport to be admitted under this criterion.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet.

† LA sibling definition applies.

♦ Parents wishing for their child to take the aptitude test are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), obtainable from the school or from the school's website. All SIFs must be returned to the school by 12 Noon on Friday 2nd October 2026. Tests will take place on Saturday 3rd October 2026, at Woodlands School. Test results will be posted to parents within 10 days of completion of the tests. Places are allocated in rank order, based on the outcome of the aptitude testing. In the case of a tie on score, the straight line distance rule will be applied.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Anglo European School

Willow Green, Ingatestone CM4 0DJ
Telephone: (01277) 354018
Email: enquiries@aessesex.co.uk
Website: www.aessesex.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs J Gee
Academy (Co-educational)
11–18
School Number: 881-5442

Published admission number Sept 2027: **232**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2026: **899**
Number on roll Jan 2026: **1203**
In 2026 the last child was admitted under criterion 4

Admissions Policy*

Applications are considered strictly in order using the criteria 1 to 5 as detailed below:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2027/2028 booklet);
2. locals – The Parish boundaries of Ingatestone, Mountnessing and Margaretting are strictly applied to identify the local area and steps are taken to ensure that the child is permanently resident within the area. This seeks to prevent the use of temporary addresses or the addresses of relatives used purely for securing attendance at the school. (Map available on request). Children attending Ingatestone and Fryerning Junior School, Margaretting and Roxwell Primary Schools and Mountnessing Primary School, and on roll for Year 6, are included in this category;
3. siblings# – children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their own application and where there is a reasonable expectation that the older sibling# will still be in attendance at the time that the younger child is admitted. Children of staff can be included in this category where the member of staff has been employed at Anglo European School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. international – if places remain after Criteria 1-3 have been allocated, they will be offered to the applicants who achieve the highest scores in Criteria 4. This is for children who demonstrate they have benefitted from a strong and positive influence of a language and/or culture^ other

than English. This will include a significant period of permanent residence outside the UK and/or a direct, substantial and sustained experience of a language and culture^ other than English. Applicants will be ranked according to the points system on the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) so completion of this form enables you to provide us with the information necessary for an objective decision to be made;

3. any other applications.

If there is a tie, the place will be allocated on the basis of random allocation to ensure the school maintains its regional nature in keeping with the original vision of the school.

The definition of a sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family household and address. Biological and adopted siblings will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.

^ In keeping with our internationalist ethos, the school's definition of culture is a community or country's shared traditions, values and attitudes, where English is not the dominant language of that community or culture. The definition of a cultural experience is an experience that involves the child actively participating in such traditions and immersing themselves in such values and attitudes. The child's interests, hobbies or membership of societies are not relevant.

♦ For applications under criterion 4 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed and verified by 9 November 2026. Supplementary Information Forms submitted under criterion 4 without verification or received after 9 November 2026 will be ranked as criterion 5.

It is vital that verification is provided for Criteria 4 (International). If a successful applicant is subsequently found to have submitted false verification, the Governors will reserve the right to ask the child to leave the school. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION. Certificates of achievement (including achievement relating to English and other languages), academic reports or letters from Headteachers referring to ability cannot be considered.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by written request.

Schools which require a SIF

A to F

[Anglo European School \(PDF, 469.34KB\)](#)

[Becket Keys CE School \(PDF, 728.78KB\)](#)

[Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School \(PDF, 444.74KB\)](#)

[Chelmsford County High School for Girls \(PDF, 267.41KB\)](#)

[Colchester County High School for Girls \(PDF, 344.9KB\)](#)

[Colchester Royal Grammar School \(PDF, 238.48KB\)](#)

[Davenant Foundation School \(PDF, 264.81KB\)](#)

[De La Salle School \(PDF, 310.16KB\)](#)

G to L

[Great Baddow High School \(PDF, 271.25KB\)](#)

[Harris Academy \(PDF, 344.24KB\)](#)

[King Edward VI Grammar School \(PDF, 448KB\)](#)

M to R

[Lift Maltings Academy \(PDF, 203.4KB\)](#)

[Lift New Rickstones Academy \(PDF, 154.26KB\)](#)

[Moulsham High School \(PDF, 347.39KB\)](#)

S

[Shenfield High School \(PDF, 374.48KB\)](#)

[St Benedict's Catholic College \(PDF, 346.93KB\)](#)

[St John Payne Catholic School \(PDF, 471.09KB\)](#)

[St Mark's West Essex Catholic School \(PDF, 654.15KB\)](#)

[St Martin's School \(PDF, 357.53KB\)](#)

T to Z

[The Appleton School \(PDF, 457.65KB\)](#)

[The FitzWimarc School \(PDF, 344.78KB\)](#)

[The Gilbert School \(PDF, 921.72KB\)](#)

[The King John School \(PDF, 196.85KB\)](#)

[The Ongar Academy \(PDF, 7.71MB\)](#)

[West Hatch High School \(PDF, 2.98MB\)](#)

Other Routes

- Selective schools have to go on application form
- Specialist aptitude criterion Brentwood Ursuline (Music) Shenfield (Sports or Performing Arts) Basildon Kingswood (Sports and Performing Arts) St Martins (Sports and Music)
- Special Criteria - Faith Schools, Anglo European
- Private Schools

Great Berry Transfers 2019 -2026

Anglo European	Mayflower
Billericay	St Bernards
Brentwood County High	St Martins
Bromfords	St Johns
Belfairs	Selwood Academy
Castledon	Shenfield
Coopers	Sir Thomas Moore
Chelmsford Girls High	Southend Boys Grammar
Endevour	Southend Girls Grammar
Gable Hall	Westcliff Girls
James Hornsby	Westcliff Boys
King Edward Grammar	Woodlands
Beauchamps	De La Salle
Brentwood School	New Hall

Great Berry Transfers 2019 -2026

FitzWimarc
Sweyne
Basildon Academy
St Cleres
Colchester County High for Girls
Appleton
Beaulieu Park

Key Information

- Open Days/Evenings - try to go with children.
- Virtual Tours - look on websites
- Let School know if visits are during day 'Educated off-site' - try to limit number of visits
- Number of Visits, Date of Application, 'I know the Headteacher', I went there when I was at school - Does Not Influence Decision
- All applications handled by ECC

Key Documents/Sites

- Secondary Education in Essex Documents (on Great Berry Website)
- Essex Admissions Website
- CAFs and SIFs