

Secondary Transition 2026/27



Clapham Manor
*Primary School &
Nursery*

Growing Brighter Futures

Aims of the meeting

- Information from invited secondary schools with an opportunity to ask questions
- Advice and signposting on how to apply to a secondary school
- Information on the ways Clapham Manor will support this process

You Should:

- ❖ Find out as much as you can about the schools you are considering, this work starts now, open days are starting from now so start looking at websites from tomorrow!
- ❖ Look closely at the admissions criteria for the schools and consider “does my child meet these criteria?”
- ❖ In September apply online via <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/secondary-school-admissions>
- ❖ When looking at schools that you are interested in, check if they require a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** and when the deadline for this will be. **This is individual to some schools and may have a differing date to the main Lambeth admissions.** A SIF will ask you to provide information to help the school apply their oversubscription criteria when allocating places if necessary.
- ❖ Ensure your child sits the admissions/fair banding test where required, as sitting this test is essential to gaining a place at many schools.

The process of applying....

- ❖ Parents/Carers only need to complete ONE Common Application Form (CAF) online to apply for up to six schools anywhere in London (except fee-paying schools).
- ❖ There is one London deadline for the CAF this is historically by midnight on the **31st October**
- ❖ All parents/carers who apply on time will know which school their child has been offered, in the beginning of March 2026. This offer will be the highest preference offer that can be made.
- ❖ This is for pupils who DO NOT have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Pupils with an EHCP apply with via the SEND Team and applications have an earlier deadline in October.

Fair Banding

Some schools require children to sit a test. It is vital that your child sits the tests required for the schools you apply for, otherwise this will significantly reduce the likelihood of your child gaining a place at the school. Admissions or Fair banding tests are designed to ensure that children have an equal chance of gaining a place at a school regardless of their academic ability or their family circumstances.

Banding means that schools have to offer as many places to middle and lower ability children as to high achieving pupils. In Lambeth this is allocated at 20% to each of the five bands.

Being in a higher band doesn't mean your child is more likely to get a place. Schools are not allowed to use banding tests as a way of admitting more high ability children than low ability pupils.

If there are more children in a band than places available, schools will apply their individual oversubscription criteria (such as distance from the school).

Lambeth Fair Banding Tests

- ❖ In Lambeth the ability banding test is used to ensure children of all abilities are considered for a place. The date for the test is TBC (usually in November) and is required for the following schools:
- ❖ Dunraven School
- ❖ Lilian Baylis Technology School
- ❖ The Norwood School
- ❖ Platanos College

The Year 6 Test

WANDSWORTH

- ❖ Some **Wandsworth** secondary schools use partial-selection or fair banding as part of their admission criteria. The Year 6 admissions test is designed to provide these schools with the data they need to make offer decisions.
- ❖ They are now accepting test registrations for children starting secondary school in 2025. The closing date for test registration is **Thursday 4 September 2025**.
- ❖ **All** children applying for Ashcroft Technology Academy, Burntwood School, Chestnut Grove Academy or Graveney School must be registered to be invited to take the test.
- ❖ Once Wandsworth admissions have received your email, they will email you with details of where and when your child will take the test. Test venues will not necessarily be a school you are considering applying to. Invitations will be emailed on **Thursday 18th September 2025**.

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- ❖ If your child has an EHCP, they do not have to take the test. If your child receives SEN support, view the [test structure](#) for more information.
- ❖ The test will be held over four days during term time on **Thursday 25 September, Friday 26 September, Saturday 27 September Monday 30th September 2025** . It will not be possible for an alternative date to be arranged.
- ❖ You will be notified by email of your child's test results on or before **Friday 24th October 2025**.
- ❖ If you are considering applying for a specialist aptitude place at a Wandsworth school, you will have to take the particular school's aptitude test as well as the Wandsworth Year 6 Test.

Telephone: 020 8871 7316

Email: year6test@wandsworth.gov.uk

What we are doing to support this process in school.....

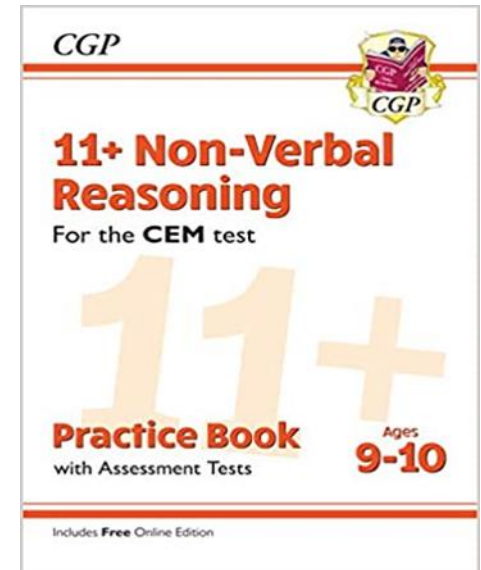
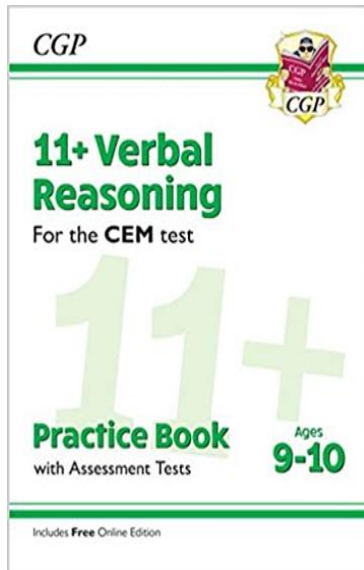
- ❖ We will offer opportunities in school to all Year 5 children to practise answering the type of questions they will see in the tests. There are verbal and non verbal reasoning questions in the admissions tests.
- ❖ We do this to support children enter a test situation and questions that that they may not have encountered before.
- ❖ Your children currently have a specific reading lesson 3x per week. In these sessions children read passages of text and answer questions that allow them to show understanding of the text. This is called verbal reasoning.
- ❖ We will offer 4 discrete lessons in school where children can solve problems, presented in diagram and picture form. This is called non verbal reasoning. These are often multiple choice questions or spot the odd one out.

Open Events

- ❖ Open events give parents a glimpse into the secondary school experience, when you visit you will have a chance to engage with the staff, students and have a tour of the school.
- ❖ Details of these events can be found on the individual school website.
- ❖ You may need to book your place to attend these events on the secondary schools website.

Parents preparation for admissions tests

Access Free past papers online or purchase books such as shown below



School Contact

If you require any additional support completing your child's application form you can book an appointment to see

Miss Donegal (Partnership Safeguarding and Attendance Officer)

Email- ddonegal@clapham-manor.co.uk

