SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2026-27



KEY DATES

31st October	Application Deadline
2 nd March 2026	National offer day
16 th March	Response deadline
27 th March	2 nd round of offers
22 nd May	3 rd round offers

Applications received after 31 October 2025 will be considered as 'late' and will not be considered until the second round of offers.

WHAT TO CONSIDER



Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools. 2

Read the admissions criteria, on the website, for each school and look to see which criteria apply to your child. 3

Do you think it's the right school for your child?- Go and visit it.

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Read the Ofsted reports

SCHOOL	DATE OF INSPECTION	GRADING
ALPERTON	JULY 2021	GOOD
ARK ELVIN	JUNE 2023	OUTSTANDING
ARK ACADEMY	FEBRUARY 2022	OUTSTANDING
CLAREMONT HIGH	OCTOBER 2015 FULL INSPECTION	OUTSTANDING
CREST ACADEMY	NOVEMBER 2021	GOOD
KINGSBURY HIGH	JANUARY 2024	GOOD
MICHAELA	MAY 2023	OUTSTANDING
NORTH BRENT	MARCH 2024	GOOD
PRESTON MANOR	JULY 2022	GOOD
ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL	OCTOBER 2019 FULL INSPECTION	OUTSTANDING
WEMBLEY HIGH	OCTOBER 2022	OUTSTANDING

OPEN EVENINGS

- **Preston Manor** Thursday 25th September 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. no booking required
- Ark Elvin 1st and 2nd October 10:15-11:00 a.m. 9th October 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Ark Academy Thursday 2 October 2025 5pm
 Monday 29 September, Tuesday 30th September & Wednesday 1st
 October 2025 9am
- North Brent Thursday 25th September 2025 from 5.30pm
- Michaela Wednesday 24th September Open Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm
 - Thursday 2nd October Open Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm Monday 6th October Open Evening 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- Wembley High Thursday 18th September 5.30pm

HOW PLACES WERE ALLOCATED FOR SEPTEMBER

2025

EHCP = Education, Health and Care Plan

School Name		Offers	
(Published Admission Number)	Criteria/Band	Number of offers	
Alperton Community School (324)	EHCP	2	
	Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After	2	
	Sibling	124	
	Feeder School	143	
	Distance	53	
	Total	324	
Ark Academy (180)	EHCP	4	
	Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After	1	
	Reserved for children in Year 6	51	
	Sibling	47	
	Distance	77	
	Total	180	
Ark Elvin Academy (210)	Sibling	62	
	Distance	148	
	Total	210	

Children with special needs

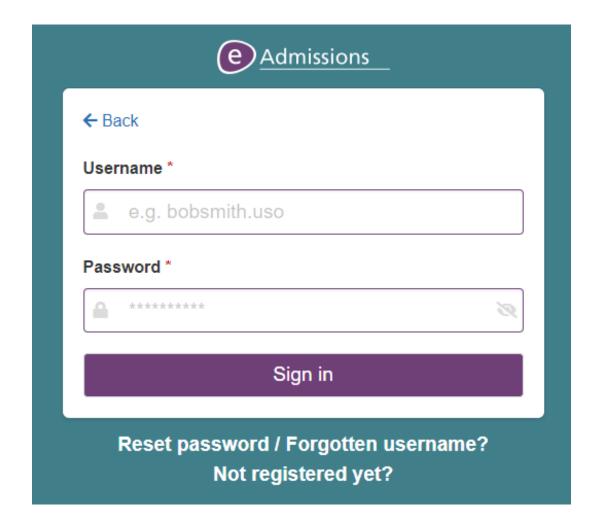
- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), please do not complete an application.
- You should contact Brent Special Educational Needs Assessment Service (SENAS) on 020 8937 3229 or sen.assessments@brent.gov.uk who will manage your child's transition to secondary school.

THE PROCESS

Go to Brent eadmissions

If you can't remember your details; search for Brent Admissions in your list of emails.

If it still doesn't come up, you will need to re-set them.



Myth	The facts
My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools.	The local authority must offer your child a place at the highest preference school they qualify for. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (e.g. because your preferences were unrealistic), they will normally be allocated a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy.
I have an older child already at the school so I do not need to apply.	Everyone must apply for their child even if they have a brother or sister already at the school. Most schools give priority to siblings, but if you don't apply you could miss out on a place.
Listing one school will mean that you will have to offer me that school.	Listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. If your child does not qualify for that school, then they will normally be allocated a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy.
Listing the same school six times will improve my chances of being offered a place.	Your child can only be considered once for a school and any duplicated preferences will be deleted.
I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year so I'm guaranteed a place.	Although the information listed on page 16 can give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place at your preferred school, the 'last distance' will change every year. We cannot guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.
Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.	The number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year, so just because you know pupils living near you go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.
If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.	An admissions authority cannot give preference to its own residents and published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. Brent does not discriminate between applicants who live in the borough and those who do not.

WHERE DID OUR CHILDREN MAINLY GO LAST YEAR?

School	Number of children
Alperton	3
Ark Academy	19
Ark Elvin	26
Kingsbury High	4
Michaela	8
North Brent	7
Preston Manor	25
Wembley High	2

CHOICES



List up to 6 preferences. List the school you want the most as your first preference



You don't need to list 6



Include your local schools amongst your preferences



You can include schools outside Brent



Be realistic