



Monday 17th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Secondary School Admissions 2027

Although the children have not long started their time in Year 5, I would imagine that you are already thinking about secondary schools... where does the time go?!

The 2027 admission window for Southend secondary schools will open between September and October 2026, but before then it is really helpful to visit schools to get a real feel for what they are like and whether or not your preferred school is a right fit for your child. Most schools run their tours in June and July but some like Shoeburyness High School are different. Below is a link for the 2026 intake tours, to give you an idea. This page will be updated once the council know the new dates from schools.

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/secondary-school-open-days>

11+ Selection 2026

The registration window for the 11+ exams will open in May 2026. At Friars, we will be providing 11+ support for identified Year 5 pupils from January 2026. The assessments the children are sitting in school this half-term, together with all of the other information we know about the children will help us to decide who might have the potential to sit the 11+ tests. Just a reminder, that the standard of the 11+ tests is very high and the children need to be achieving at well above expected levels for English and maths. The actual 11+ exams will be held in September 2026 when the children are in Year 6.

Also with this letter is information about taster workshops being held at Westcliff High School for Boys and Westcliff High School for Girls. Please see the other attachments. Should you have any questions about these days, please contact the grammar schools.

Yours sincerely,

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