

## Re: Secondary School Applications

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

As your child is approaching the end of Year 5, you are no doubt having increasing thoughts and conversations about secondary school applications. My daughter is also in Year 5 so I know exactly how you feel! This letter is just to give you information ahead of the decisions you will be making in the near future.

### Some key dates:

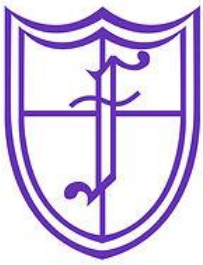
- The Secondary School Admissions Flyer for parents is published by mid-June, for every Year 5 pupil in primary, junior and independent schools in Southend.
- The Secondary Admissions Booklet 2025 for Southend-on-Sea schools and residents will be published from 1<sup>st</sup> July and will be available on the Council website.
- The application window for secondary school admissions is open between **1 September 2024 and 31 October 2024** and therefore applications can only be submitted during this time.

### Southend Council recommend that parents now...

- visit as many secondary schools as possible and keep in mind some school open days are later in the year (times and dates provided on parent flyer, council website and respective school websites)
- obtain prospectuses/information from school visits
- read the schools admission criteria and consider the probability of admission based on allocations of previous years (booklet or school website)
- register with the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE) in the period **14 May to 28 June 2024 if they wish their child to take the 11+ test**. The Council page for 11+ is [Southend 11 Plus](https://southend11plus.uk) (<https://southend11plus.uk>) page has practice questions and more information such as grammar myth busters. This page also has further support for preparing for the test.

The dates for various secondary school Open Evenings are listed on the next page. For further information, please click on this link: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/secondary-school-open-days>





## Open evenings

- [Belfairs Academy](#) - Thursday 27 June 2024 4pm to 6pm
- [Cecil Jones Academy](#) - Thursday 26 September 2024, 5pm to 7pm
- [Chase High School](#) - Wednesday 26 June 2024, 4pm to 7:30pm
- [Shoeburyness High School](#) - Thursday 19 September 2024, 6pm to 8pm
- [Southchurch High School](#) - Tuesday 24 September 2024, 5:30pm to 8pm
- [Southend High School for Boys](#) - Thursday 27 June 2024, 4:30pm to 8pm
- [Southend High School for Girls](#) - Thursday 4 July 2024, 5pm to 8pm
- [St Bernard's High School](#) - Thursday 11 July 2024, 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- [St Thomas More High School](#) - Thursday 11 July 2024, 4pm to 7pm
- [The Eastwood Academy](#) - Monday 24 June 2024, 6pm to 9pm
- [Westcliff High School for Boys](#) - Tuesday 25 June 2024, 5pm to 9pm
- [Westcliff High School for Girls](#) - Tuesday 2 July 2024, 5pm to 8pm

Please note: Parent/carers are encouraged to check the schools' websites directly to check there has been no changes to the above arrangements .

Yours sincerely,

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