

Timetable for applying to secondary schools
Updated April 2025



Date	Independent School Action for you as a parent	State/Maintained School Action for you as a parent	LCS action
Spring Term Year 4	Subject to availability, your child can attend tutoring club (an after school club which you pay for) from now until the end of the Autumn Term of Year 6.		Provides optional tutoring club
Summer term Year 4	<p>Attend an LCS meeting which sets out the process and answers questions.</p> <p>If you wish, have an initial meeting with Nicola about early thoughts and aspirations.</p> <p>Start visiting schools without your child (optional – just to see what is out there – not necessary this early).</p> <p>Open Days for the Autumn Term get very booked up. It is not necessary to start looking until Spring of Year 5, but if you want to start thinking early, book these now. Some schools will prioritise Year 5 parents though.</p>		Meet with parents to have an initial discussion about the way forward for your child and to gauge aspirations and expectations.
Summer Holidays Year 4	<p>Some parents choose to practise Bond papers, perhaps one or two per week, and to go through the answers with the children.</p> <p>Please take care which books you use as the tutor we employ also uses them. So please take advice from the school before using Bond papers.</p>		

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Autumn Term Year 5	<p>On the Open Days or tours speak to as many staff & students as possible to get a feel for the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the ethos and culture and the underlying values? • Is it fairly traditional or is it more liberal in its views? • What is the reputation of the school in the wider community? • What is the travel distance for school and fixtures? • Are there extra curricular activities that will interest my child and support their growth? • How much homework? • What are the staff and children like? • Special Needs provision if appropriate <p>Set up a meeting with Nicola to talk about which schools would be right for your child.</p> <p>Do book up Nicola more than once in the months ahead as you visit schools and make decisions.</p>		<p>School works with you to work out a list of schools to aim for and advises you on what work will need to be done depending on your aspirations</p>
Spring Term Year 5	<p>1.5 hours tutoring per week as a class</p> <p>Book Tours for Summer Term</p>		<p>Provides Tutoring</p>
Summer Term Year 5	<p>1.5 hours tutoring per week as a class</p> <p>Book tours for Autumn Term</p> <p>Many schools open registration early in the Summer term. Registration remains open until October/November of Year 6.</p>	<p>1.5 hours tutoring per week as a class</p> <p>Most grammar schools will open their registration in April or May 2024 and set a deadline around June or July for parents to register their child for the 11+ exam. There is some variation, so please check these dates with individual schools</p>	

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Summer Holidays Year 5	<p>Ensure good rest</p> <p>Read “proper” books for pleasure</p> <p>Continue with Bond papers and any tutoring homework set</p>	<p>Some Grammar Schools have assessments very early in the Autumn Term of Year 6. You will therefore want to do some work over the holidays.</p> <p>Ensure good rest</p> <p>Read “proper” books for pleasure</p> <p>Continue with Bond papers</p>	<p>Provide advice on work to do over the holidays.</p>
Autumn Term Year 6	<p>Book up meetings with Nicola as and when required</p> <p>Submit applications by 31 October for state schools and usually by end of first week of November for independent schools (they vary)</p> <p>Attend taster/discovery/welcome mornings</p> <p>Apply for bursaries and scholarships</p> <p>Entrance assessments generally take place in November and December, with some in January</p>	<p>Grammar School assessments (very early on)</p> <p>Book up meetings with Nicola as and when required</p> <p>School admissions - Southwark Council</p> <p>Some schools have banding tests this term</p>	<p>intensive 11+ preparation; past papers, Bond, interview practices and a mock “exam” day in the hall.</p> <p>Head provides references as required by secondary schools (and she will ask you for your input)</p>

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Spring Term Year 6	<p>January Entrance exam time for those who have not had their exams in the Christmas term.</p> <p>Some schools do assessments and interviews on the same day. Some do interviews first. Some do assessment first.</p> <p>February offers made.</p> <p>Revisit schools. Some hold events to enable you to do this.</p> <p>Do also ask Nicola if you have a number of offers to choose from and are not sure which to take. Respond by early March.</p>	State school offers made by 1st March 2026	
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