



Year 6

Secondary School Admissions

September 2025



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Banding Tests

- Most Tower Hamlets Secondary Schools use a 'local' banding system
- Ensures Year 7 intake is balanced across the pupil ability ranges
- Pupils grouped in one of four bands (A, B, C and D – **D being the highest level**)
- Online assessment that pupils complete in the Autumn Term of Year 6

Banding Tests

Assesses a pupil's ability in four areas:

1. Verbal Reasoning

the ability to express ideas and reason through words

2. Non-verbal Reasoning

problem-solving using pictures and diagrams

3. Spatial Reasoning

to look at a shape and imagine what it would look like from different angle

4. Quantitative Reasoning

the ability to use numerical skills to solve a mathematical problem

Banding Tests

Are the results available
before the application
deadline?

No.
Parents will not be provided with an
assessment score at any stage during the
transfer to secondary school process.

Do all Tower Hamlets
Secondary Schools use
banding?

No.
*Bishop Challoner, Wapping High and Canary
Wharf College.*

***Schools are not responsible for sharing the
results of the banding assessments***

Admissions Timeline

**1st September –
31st October 2025**



Friday 24th October
Friday before half term



Friday 31st October
Friday of half term

- Visit schools
- Open days/evenings in pack
- Authorised school absence

- Should submit your online application for processing and checking

- **DEADLINE** for applications

Admissions Timeline

2nd March 2026



March



2nd April 2026

- Log on to Eadmissions to view outcome of application
- Letters also sent
- If no preferred school offered, apply to the waiting list
- Closing date for appeals

Visiting Schools

- Open days and evenings – see booklet for dates of Tower Hamlets Schools
- Out of borough – contact schools for information
- Authorised absence – see Tyrell
- Ask questions – teachers, pupils, other parents
- Be clear on the admissions criteria!
- Make your own decisions
- Find out about the journey
- What's best for your child?



How to Apply

- ✓ E-mail address to register
- ✓ Visit www.eadmissions.org.uk
- ✓ Step by step guide in your pack

Once you have set up your account you can:

- Search for schools in Tower Hamlets and across London
- Access information about schools and links to school websites
- Make changes to your application up until the closing date 31 October 2025
- Receive notification of the outcome of your application by email

Dos and Don'ts



- ✓ Visit schools
- ✓ Check admissions criteria
- ✓ Think about what's right for your child
- ✓ Talk to your child about the process
- ✓ Think about the journey
- ✓ Use all of your preferences!

- Put private (independent) fee paying schools on your application
- Wait until the last minute
- List only one school
- List a school that you would not be willing to accept a place at
- Don't waste a choice if you won't meet the admissions criteria

Useful Contacts

The School Admissions Service London Borough of Tower Hamlets Tower Hamlets

Town Hall

160 Whitechapel Road

London

E1 1BJ

Tel: 020 7364 5006

Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Useful websites

www.eadmissions.org.uk

www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk

www.gov.uk/dfes

www.ofsted.gov.uk

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Contact details for other
boroughs in your pack!

SEND and EHCPs

- Make an appointment to see Mrs Howick (SENCO)
- Separate form to be completed – to the Tower Hamlets SEN Service
- Annual Reviews held this year to plan for transition