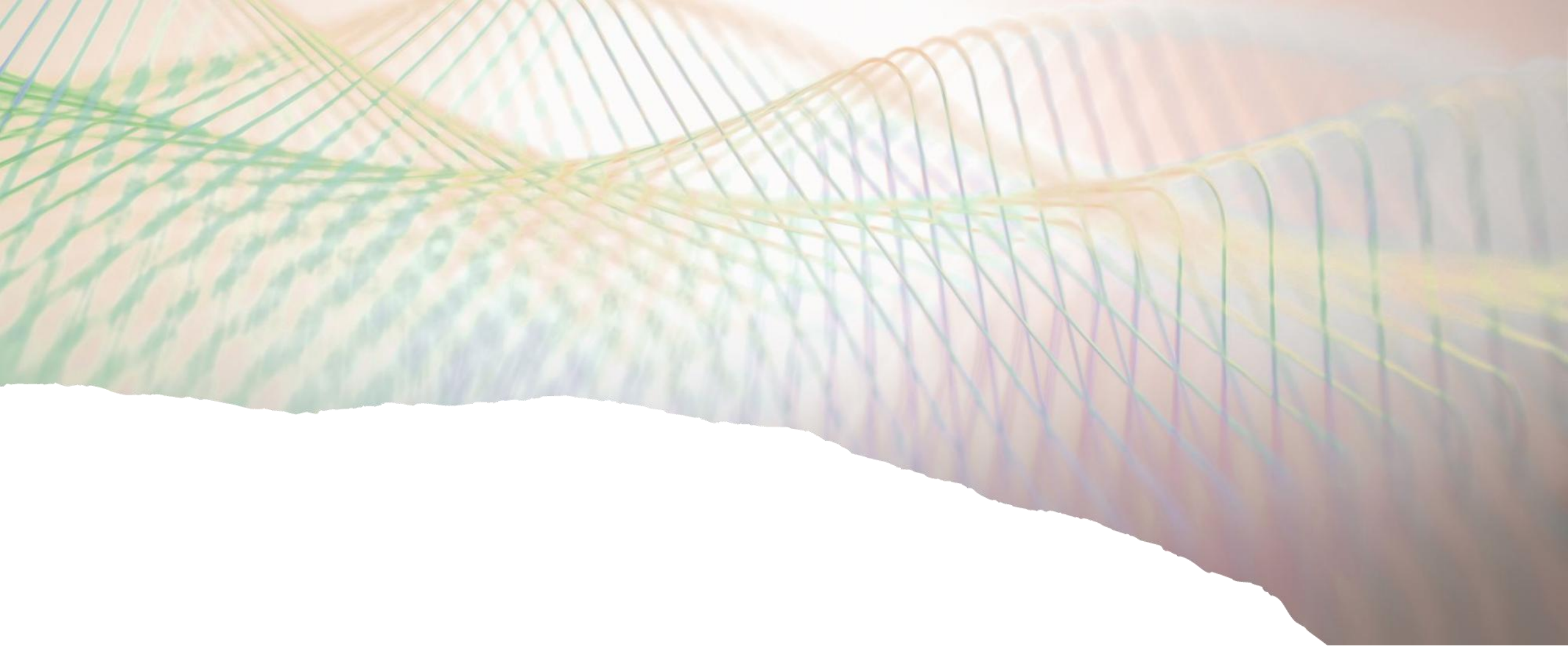




Applying for High School 2027

Important Information!

- National closing date **31ST OCTOBER 2026**. It is vital that all parents submit an online application before the closing date. Late applications will not be processed until after the offer date
- Applications received after 31 October 2026 will be treated as late. Late applications will be processed in **May 2027**.
- **National Offer date is 1st March 2027**
- Admissions help line : 01582 548016 or admissions@luton.gov.uk for any assistance with technical issues or complex admissions processes.



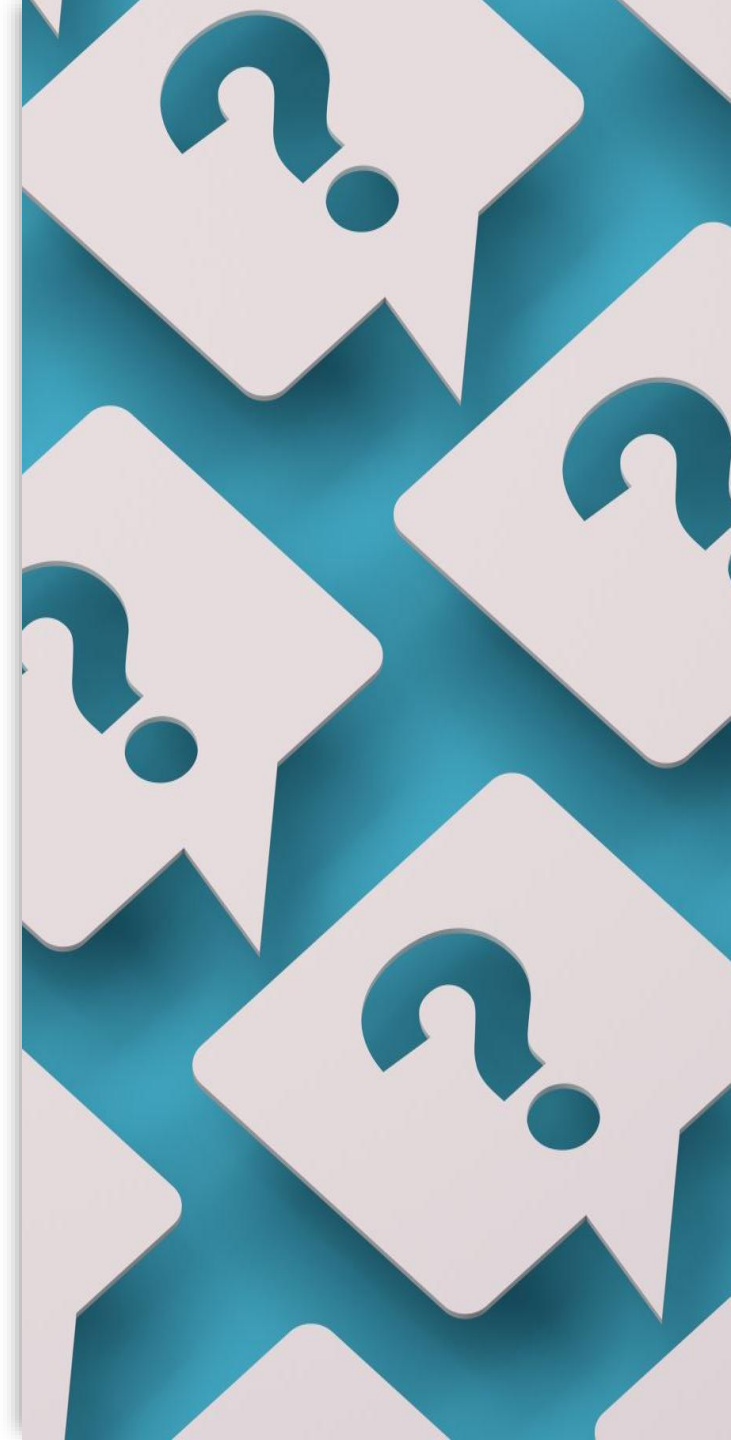
Preparation-what you may need

- Look up your catchment area school at www.luton.gov.uk/admissions. If you want a place at your catchment area school, you must still apply and name that school as one of your preferences. It is not automatically allocated.
- Prepare the additional documents that you will need to upload such as: Proof of address is needed for some schools: Challney High school for Boys, Challney High school for Girls, Chiltern Academy, Denbigh High School and Putteridge High School.
- Catholic school applications will need your child's original Baptismal Certificate and a supplementary form.
- Look at the 'How to apply for a school place 2026' guide available at Luton School Admissions home page The guide gives information on individual schools and academies in Luton allowing you to judge your chances of securing a place at your preferred schools. There is also a handy application checklist on the same page.
- Have your email address and password ready as you will need these during the registration process

Tips and hints on how to use the portal

- You may need to register for a new account, even if you have used the portal before.
- You will be sent an email and click on the confirmation link.
- You are ready to log in using your email address and password.
- Follow the steps.
- You can go back into the portal as many times as you like prior to the closing date if you wish to make changes. Preferences can be changed at any time until the closing date.
- Remember to put information of siblings who will be attending the preferred school at the time your child transfers.
- At the end remember to click submit.

Your submission email is proof of application.



Preferences

- You can apply for three schools – these are called preferences and all three will be given equal consideration. Parents/carers must identify their first, second and third preference schools on their application. It is important to name three different schools.
- Ensure that you consider realistic 'back-up' preferences. Think about scenarios and the logistics should the preferred school(s) not be allocated. Transport costs are usually the responsibility of the parent (some exceptions).
- It doesn't matter how early you apply; you do not jump the queue by applying early.
- You can apply to any school or academy. Remember to consider how likely you are going to be and refer to the booklet to gauge what your chances are. Always consider putting the catchment area school as a back up preference.
- Applications for Luton schools and out of borough schools should be applied for via Luton Borough Council.
- Apply directly via the school if applying for a private school.
- Applications from parents living outside of Luton must do so by following their 'home' Council's application process. Their Council will forward the application to Luton Council for consideration. Luton Council will inform the pupil's 'home' Council of the outcome of the application. Where both authorities can offer a school place, the highest-ranking preference that can be offered will be confirmed and any lower ranking offers will be eliminated

Criteria

- Criteria are a set of “rules” each school has to allocate places at a school.
- Each school is slightly different and it is useful to check where your child sits within these.
- Each school publishes theirs in the guide online.



School	Published admissions number	Number of first, second and third preferences received before 31 October 2024	Number of places allocated in the initial allocation (3 March 2025)	Children with an Education Health Care Plan	Looked after and previously looked after children, including those children who have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted	Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who attend a feeder Catholic primary school	Other Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice	Catholic children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school	Other Catholic children	Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church	Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion or other religious leader	Children of other faiths whose application is supported by their minister of religion	Any other children	Straight line distance of last child allocated a place	Number of pupils on the waiting list as at 25 July 2025
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	274	511	274	13 ✓	6 ✓	96 ✓	27 ✓	57 ✓	22 ✓	16 ✓	37 X	0	0	N/A	74

The Admissions Committee at Cardinal Newman Catholic School was **unable** to offer a place to all pupils who met the **Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion or other religious leader**, criterion, therefore, pupils were selected by random allocation by an independent panel.

School	Published Admissions Number	Number of first, second and third preferences received before 31 October 2024	Number of places allocated in the initial allocation (3 March 2025)	Children with an Education Health Care Plan	Looked after children and previously looked after children including those that appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted	Children of staff currently employed at the school	Children in the catchment area with siblings at the school who will be attending the school at the proposed date of admission	Children living in the catchment area of the school	Children who live outside of the catchment area with siblings at the school who will still be attending the school at the proposed date of admission	Children living closest to the school measured on straight line distance	Straight line distance of last child allocated a place	Number of children on the waiting list as at 25 July 2025
Challney High School for Boys	243	402	243	9 ✓	0	2 ✓	63 ✓	128 ✓	11 ✓	30 X	1.503 miles	31
Challney High School for Girls	224	443	224	3 ✓	0	0	63 ✓	126 ✓	16 ✓	16 X	0.587 miles	54
Denbigh High School	224	997	224	11 ✓	2 ✓	0	72 ✓	139 X	0	0	0.545 miles	211
Lea Manor High School	240	277	171	3 ✓	2 ✓	0	32 ✓	82 ✓	14 ✓	38 ✓	N/A	N/A
Putteridge High School	243	536	243	7 ✓	2 ✓	1 ✓	45 ✓	87 ✓	33 ✓	68 X	1.471 miles	69

School	Published Admissions Number	Number of first, second and third preferences received before 31 October 2024	Number of places allocated in the initial allocation (3 March 2025)	Children with an Education Health Care Plan	A 'looked' after child or a child who was previously looked after immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted	Pupils living in the catchment area of the school	On medical grounds supported by medical evidence	Brothers and sisters (siblings) of pupils attending the school when the pupil starts at the school	Children of staff who work at the school	On the shortest distance, measured in a straight line, between the main entrance of the school site and the pupil's home address, with those living closer to the school being accorded higher priority	Straight line distance of last child allocated a place	Number of children on the waiting list as at 25 July 2025
Lealands High School	210	415	210	10 ✓	1 ✓	102 ✓	0	19 ✓	1 ✓	77 X	2.660 miles	1

Lealands High School was **unable** to offer a place to all pupils who met the **On the shortest distance** criterion; therefore, the pupils living closest to the school were allocated a place.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply early, I will get my first-choice school?

No, applications are not processed on a first come first served basis. Places are allocated using the schools admissions criteria which you can find in the “How to apply for a school place 2026” guide.

If I apply for the same school three times, will I stand a better chance?

No, you should apply for three different schools.

We might move house, shall I wait until we move?

You must apply at the address you are living at prior to the closing date.

We have other children attending our preferred school, will this guarantee a place for my child?

Please remember to add the sibling to the application however this does not guarantee you a place automatically.

My child has a cousin at the school, do they count as a sibling?

No, cousins do not count as siblings.

Applying to Catholic Schools

- Parents wishing to apply for a place at Cardinal Newman Catholic School must also complete the school's supplementary form and provide the original Baptismal certificate.
- The supplementary form and Baptismal certificate can be returned to the child's current school or Admissions Team.
- Part 2 of supplementary form should be left blank. Do not take the form to your Priest/ Minister – the school will request completion from the Priest/ Minister after the closing date.
- Supplementary forms and baptismal certificates **MUST** be submitted by the closing date.
- For out of borough Catholic Schools please refer to the individual schools for their application process.

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Middle or Private schools

- If you are applying for Middle schools please see their website or local authority admissions pages. These are “in phase” transfers and processed differently.
 - If you are considering private or fee paying schools, there may be entrance exams. It is always a good idea to have a High School application submitted in case circumstances change.
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Appeal process

- Parents/ carers can apply for an appeal for any school preference that they have applied for and have been unsuccessful.
- An appeal application needs to be submitted within 20 school days from receipt of the offer letter to be considered in the first round of appeals.
- There are no guarantees that an appeal will be upheld. It is important that you do not rely on the appeal process to gain a place at your preferred school.
- You can only appeal once per academic year unless there are significant and material changes to circumstances.
- If it is not possible to allocate your child a place at one of your preferred schools you can ask for your case to be considered by an independent appeal panel.
- Please see Admissions page on LBC Website.



Open evenings

School	Date of open day/evening	Times	
1	Cardinal Newman High School	01 October 2026 Ticket only	Please check the school website for further information
2	Challney High School for Boys	15 October 2026	5pm - 7:30pm
3	Challney High School for Girls	15 October 2026	5pm - 7:30pm
4	Chiltern Academy	22 October 2026 In addition to Open Evening, we offer parent school tours during w/c 19 October 2026, by appointment only with the Senior Leadership Team.	5pm – 8pm

Open evenings

5	Denbigh High School	Monday 5th October 2026 Tuesday 6th October 2026 Wednesday 7th October 2026 Monday 12th October 2026 Tuesday 13th October 2026 Wednesday 14th October 2026 Open days are 'strictly by appointment only'	10am and 1pm 10am, 1pm & 3.15pm 10am and 1pm 10am and 1pm 10am, 1pm & 3.15pm 10am and 1pm 10am and 1pm
6	Icknield High School	6 October 2026	6pm - 8:30pm
7	Lealands High School	01 October 2026	4pm – 8pm
8	Lea Manor High School	24 September 2026	4pm – 7pm
9	Putteridge High School	6 October 2026	5pm - 8pm

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10	Queen Elizabeth School	29 September 2026	5pm – 7:30pm
11	Stopsley High School	8 October 2026	5pm - 8pm
12	The Chalk Hills Academy	1 October 2026	4pm - 7pm
13	The Stockwood Park Academy	8 October 2026	4:30pm - 7:30pm

Remember to submit by 31st October 2026

National Offer date 1st March 2027



Any questions???

Please do contact Miss Legg or Mrs Altaf if you need any help, support or guidance through the process.

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