



Weston Green
School

Future Schools Preparation





Weston Green is a place where children thrive and grow to become confident and independent young people, well placed to succeed and gain entry into their top choice of independent and grammar schools in the surrounding area.

We take pride in ensuring that our children achieve exceptionally well, through both tailored prep and a rich and diverse curriculum and learning experience during their time with us, so ensuring they have both the precise skills and the wider aptitudes and confidence to secure places at a broad range of senior schools.

Over the past few years our children have gained places at; Surbiton High, Claremont Fan Court, Royal Grammar Guildford, St John's Leatherhead, St George's Weybridge, Tormead, Ewell Castle, Kingston Grammar, Nonsuch High, Notre Dame, Hampton, Feltonfleet, Reeds and Epsom College.

Each year we gain a number of scholarships including academic, art, music and sport. It is important to us that we work with both our children and you as parents to support and guide you through the entire process, ensuring that we always maintain high aspirations for your child and that they gain entry to the school which is right for them. We place emphasis on a personalised approach, ensuring each child is prepared academically but also personally through an individualised programme based on their chosen school's requirements.

We prepare our children well for this process through opportunities to become leaders in school, to take the initiative and be responsible, supporting them socially and pastorally so that they flourish and succeed. It is important that our children are well prepared academically, that we challenge and support them to achieve their best, but also that we know where your child needs to focus to ensure they are both capable and confident when preparing for and taking entrance exams or going through interview. With this in mind, it is also critical that our children gain wider skills from the many opportunities to succeed through the broad variety of extra curricular activities both at home and school and that they can talk confidently about their broader lives so that their drive, enthusiasm, curiosity and enjoyment shines through.

This booklet is intended to support you in the decision making process, providing you with details on many local senior school choices, their entrance requirements and application procedures, as well as how we prepare your child and guide them and you through the process. We will be working alongside you and your family to provide advice, answer questions and offer our experience, considered views and guidance from our knowledge of working with your child, to enable success in gaining a place to their choice of future school.

We have an open door, so do please ask and enquire if you need any further help throughout this process.

Sarah Evans
Headteacher

How we prepare pupils for success at 11+

Lower Key Stage 2

At the beginning of each academic year pupils sit Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) to enable us to assess innate ability and to help inform a programme of intervention to maximise learning potential for all children and for those making well below or above the expected progress.

We also use regular reading, spelling and maths tests to inform our planning and support, and two "Big Write" tasks each term to enable us to assess the pupil's ability to write independently in a range of genre styles.

Children receive weekly verbal and non-verbal reasoning (VR and NVR) practice in dedicated lessons to begin the preparation for this element of some 11+ exams.

In Year 4 the most able mathematicians attend a twice-weekly maths extension group run by the maths subject leader.

In the summer term of Year 4 children prepare for and take their ESB (English Speaking Board) exam, which helps them build their confidence for the interview element of some schools at 11+.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5)

Children sit CATs at the beginning of the year to enable us to assess innate ability and to help inform a programme of intervention to maximise learning potential for all children including those making well below or above the expected progress.

Children are taught maths and English in small groups, using regular assessments to ensure pupils are on track, and to inform any intervention which may be necessary. Fortnightly "Big Write" writing assessments are used in class, covering a range of genres with personalised feedback and targets.

Dedicated VR and NVR lessons continue.

Accelerated learning and tailored homework is set from Year 5 to support preparation entry to competitive local schools and early exams.

In the summer term the children practice interview techniques and this is further enhanced through opportunities to work with external interview support which then provides personalised feedback.

In the summer term children begin to explore exam techniques and practice material as well as accessing a range of past papers and example questions.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Children sit CATs assessments again at the beginning of the year to enable us to calibrate potential with previous year's data and to help inform a programme of intervention to maximise learning for all children.

Children continue to be taught maths and English in small groups, using regular assessments to inform targeted teaching and any intervention which may be necessary. These assessments include regular timed writing opportunities specific to exam genre focus, with personalised feedback and targets. Additionally there is exposure to a wide range of comprehension types and techniques for responding succinctly and analytically. Regular spelling tests with inclusion of 11+ vocabulary supports language development. Children are given weekly timed exam practice using 11+ material in both English and maths, with practice material also forming a regular part of their homework.

Dedicated VR and NVR lessons continue.

Regular interview practice, lateral thinking and problem solving opportunities as well as discussions about current affairs take place in class.

Further external interview practice supports children in developing confidence and aptitude.

Pupils complete an "all about me" information sheet to help inform references.

Timeline for Future Schools Preparation and Application

YEAR 4		
Autumn Term	Begin to start thinking about the next steps after Weston Green at 11+	Start engaging with future school websites and look for future Open Day dates. Begin to get to know what schools are out there.
Spring Term	Future Schools Information Evening for Parents.	To discuss the timeline and process for application to future schools, supporting parents with information and to answer any questions.
	Biennial Future Schools Fair for all parents.	Schools visiting to share information about themselves and their offer for children.
Summer Term	Visit schools, obtain prospectus packs, register your child and attend open days.	
	Begin to draw up a 'long list' of future schools.	
	Discussion at Parent Teacher Evening	Initial dialogue with classteacher around creating a 'long list' of future schools.

YEAR 5		
Autumn term	Future Schools Presentation Evening for parents	Supporting families in the decision making process, speakers internal and external to the school.
	Continue to attend Open Days and register your child	
	Discussion at Parent teacher Evening	Further dialogue with classteacher / subject teachers to update the decision process.
	Enquire at schools for choices of scholarships and applications for these. (N.B Art scholarships portfolios need additional time)	Inform Weston Green if a scholarship is being applied for due to the additional references and information to be collated.
Spring Term	Continue to visit schools and register	
	Biennial Future Schools Fair for all parents.	Schools visiting to share information about themselves and their offer for children.

Summer Term	Future Schools Consultation Evening	All teachers involved with your child's future school preparation including the headteacher, to meet with parents to discuss progress against expectations and shortlist future schools choices. We recommend 3 or 4 applications.
	Finalise short list for application	Weston Green will issue a form for details of future school applications to be completed.
	Notify school of any intended scholarship applications and deadlines	
	Preparatory future school report form to be completed and sent in to school	Provide detail of extra-curricular activities and achievements so that individual reports can be prepared well in advance of Year 6
	Parents Evenings - parents and child attend.	Attend with your child so that we can discuss and set aspirations and on-going support over the summer and into Year 6
	Personalised skills based homework pack issued.	Given at parents evening to support onward learning and preparation over the summer and into Year 6.

YEAR 6		
Autumn Term	Parent teacher evening early in the term	To discuss progress, attainment and preparation for entrance ex
	Complete and send in all application forms and supplementary information.	As requested by future schools.
	Some entrance exams take place in the Autumn Term	
	Complete scholarship applications.	
	Pupil references / reports submitted.	
Spring Term	Entrance exams take place in early spring term.	
	Results and offers received February / March. Final decisions made. Please inform the school.	Additional support meetings held by request to assist in decision making.

Scholarships

Weston Green pupils have an excellent track record of securing scholarships at many of our local senior independent schools.



Most scholarships are subject specific, such as music, drama, art or sport, but schools also often award academic scholarships to those who excel in their entrance exams. Scholarships usually give a small discount on fees and inclusion into the school's specific programme.

If you have a child who you think has a special talent for a subject then it is definitely worth thinking about making a scholarship application. In the first instance you should talk to the relevant subject teacher at Weston Green; we are a small school, and whilst your child may indeed have a talent for a particular subject, our specialists will be able to advise you on the likelihood of them being suitable material for a scholarship at senior level, where they will be competing against many other very talented applicants. Our subject specialists have experience in guiding and supporting parents through the scholarship process, and are always happy to have a conversation with you about this.

Once you have decided to make a scholarship application, you will need to register with the school and make a formal application. This will involve a subject specialist reference which we will supply. The process usually also involves a selection process whereby your child will attend a selection day or days, in addition to the normal academic exams. It should be noted that scholarship applications are not instead of the academic selection process, and scholarships will only be awarded to those pupils who also meet the academic requirements of the school. Once a scholarship place has been secured, your child will be expected to fulfill the role of a scholar - i.e. participating in events and competitions, being a role model for their subject, and continuing to achieve at a high level. It is therefore important that they have a passion for the subject and are willing to put in time and effort beyond just securing a place.

Co-educational Secondary Schools

BOX HILL SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

The Year 7 Assessment Week takes place in the January preceding Year 7 entry. Applicants will have a short interview with one of the Senior Team and will also be required to sit tests set by Box Hill School in Maths and English. The Maths test is based on the school syllabus covered in Year 6 and lasts 45 minutes. The English test includes a reading comprehension task and a piece of creative writing and lasts 45 minutes.

Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.boxhillschool.com

Contact: Box Hill School, Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6EA

Tel: 01372 373382

CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

For Year 7 (11+) entry, three things are considered: Entrance Assessments in English, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning, an interview and a confidential report from the child's current school.

Academic and Music scholarships are available.

Website: www.freemens.org

Contact: City of London Freeman's School, Ashted Park, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 1ET

Tel: 01372 277933

CLAREMONT FAN COURT SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Entrance Assessments are held in January. Pupils will be assessed in Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and English (including free-writing).

Academic, Music and All Rounder (two from: Art, Music, Drama, Sport and Citizenship) scholarships are available.

Website: www.claremontfancourt.co.uk

Contact: Claremont Fan Court School, Claremont Drive, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9LY

Tel: 01372 467841

DANES HILL ↓

Ages: Up to age 13

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Children are invited for a taster/assessment day where they will sit tests in English and Mathematics, join a class for the remainder of the morning and stay for lunch.

Website: www.daneshillschool.co.uk

Contact: Danes Hill School, Leatherhead Road, Oxshott, Surrey, KT22 0JG

Tel: 01372 842509

DOWNSEND SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 16

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Pupils are assessed in either November or January. Maths and English are online assessments plus a written 20 minute book review. Academic, sports, art and music scholarships are allocated in February after a place has been offered.

Website: www.downsend.co.uk

Contact: 1 Leatherhead Road, Leatherhead KT22 8TJ

Tel: 01372 372197

EPSOM COLLEGE ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

All registered candidates will be assessed for entry in January of Year 6. They will sit papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning, and these tests will be supported by a short interview and a report from their current school.

Academic, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.epsomcollege.org.uk

Contact: Epsom College, College Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 4JQ

Tel: 01372 821000

EWELL CASTLE SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

A taster day will include an assessment in Mathematics, English comprehension and creative writing along with an interview with the Principal.

Academic, Art, Design and Technology, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.ewellcastle.co.uk

Contact: Ewell Castle School, Church Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AW

Tel: 020 8394 3576

FELTONFLEET SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 13

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ Admissions:

Children will be invited to attend an annual assessment morning which is held in November prior to the September start. During the course of the morning they will sit papers in Mathematics and English and participate in other activities with their peer group. Parents will be asked to provide copies of the child's most recent school report and a reference will be requested from their current school.

Website: www.feltonfleet.co.uk

Contact: Feltonfleet School, Byfleet Road, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1DR

Tel: 01932 862264

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Examination papers are taken in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Candidates will also be invited for a one-to-one interview with a member of staff which will either be of a general nature, or with an English or Mathematics focus (depending on the weaker subject).

Academic, Art, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.kgs.org.uk

Contact: Kingston Grammar School, London Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6PY

Tel: 020 8546 5875

RADNOR HOUSE ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

An offer of a place will be based on successful performance at interview, a satisfactory reference and end of Year 5 full written report from the child's current school, and achieving the required standard in entrance exams. These will comprise a one hour paper in English (comprehension and creative writing) and a one hour paper in Mathematics (this paper will be based on National Curriculum KS2/KS3 material).

Website: www.radnor-twickenham.org

Contact: Radnor House, Pope's Villa, Cross Deep, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 4QG

Tel: 020 8891 6264

ST GEORGE'S WEYBRIDGE ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Four areas will be assessed for entry in to Year 7: Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning, a Mathematics paper and an English paper (assessing extended writing, comprehension and technical skills). The Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning are tested online and Mathematics and English are set and marked in the College.

Candidates will also have a short interview with a senior member of staff.

Academic, Art, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.stgeorgesweybridge.com

Contact: St George's College, Weybridge Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2QS

Tel: 01932 839300

ST JOHN'S LEATHERHEAD ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

Candidates sit a Mathematics, English and abilities test in January. All candidates will also have a short interview.

Academic, Art, Drama, Design and Technology, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.stjohnsleatherhead.co.uk

Contact: St John's School, Epsom Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8SP

Tel: 01372 373000

Secondary Schools for Girls

LADY ELEANOR HOLLES SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Entrance examinations include Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

Academic and Music scholarships are available.

Website: www.lehs.org.uk

Contact: Lady Eleanor Holles, Hanworth Road, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 3HF

Tel: 020 8979 1601

MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to 16

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Pupils are assessed in the autumn term with a CAT 4 test followed by an interview in January. Scholarships are offered in art, drama, music, sports and academic

Contact: Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey KT23 4EN

Tel: 01372 458538

Website: www.manorhouseschool.org

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Entry into the Senior School in Year 7 is subject to all girls passing the Year 7 Entrance Examination that is held in the January of the year of entry. The Entrance Examination comprises English, Mathematics, Non-Verbal Reasoning and an interview. Time is also made for some fun activities on the examinations day so that girls can relax and get to know the other candidates.

The Entrance Examination targets levels 4-6 of the National Curriculum.

Academic, Art, Music, Drama and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.notredame.co.uk

Contact: Notre Dame School, Burwood House, Convent Lane, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1HA

Tel: 01932 869990

SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

The Entrance Exam takes place in just one morning and contains four papers in total: two Mathematics papers, and two English papers, with a break in between each subject.

Academic, Music and Art scholarships are available.

Website: www.swps.org.uk

Contact: Sir William Perkins's School, Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9BN

Tel: 01932 574900

ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

11+ entrance examinations are in Mathematics, English, Science and Verbal Reasoning, and are devised by St Catherine's, based on the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum content.

Four Academic Entrance scholarships are available at 11+.

Website: www.stcatherines.info

Contact: St Catherine's School, Station Road, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0DF

Tel: 01483 899609

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL EFFINGHAM ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

Entrance examinations take place in January, with papers in Verbal Reasoning, Mathematics and English.

Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.st-teresas.com

Contact: St Teresa's School, Effingham, Surrey, RH5 6ST

Tel: 01372 452037

SURBITON HIGH SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Those wishing to join the Senior School at 11+ are required to sit an Entrance Exam that takes place in early January. The Entrance Exam consists of two papers, English and Mathematics, plus a short questionnaire to provide a better understanding of the applicant's interests, opinions and experiences. There is no interview process or personal statement.

Art, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.surbitonhigh.com

Contact: 13-15 Surbiton Crescent, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2JT

Tel: 020 8546 5245

TIFFIN GIRLS ↓

Selective State Grammar School

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

For a place in Year 7 children must be registered to take the Stage One Tests by completing the online Supplementary Information Form which can be accessed from the school's website from the beginning of June. The closing date for completion of the Supplementary Information Form will be the beginning of September each year.

Should an applicant be successful in the Stage One Tests, they will be invited to sit the Stage Two Tests. The final ranking of all those who complete the testing process is made up of the results from the Stage One and the Stage Two Tests. The results are also age weighted.

If an applicant is successful in the Stage One Tests, the school must be included on the Common Application Form (CAF) to be eligible for consideration for a place. The CAF is provided by the home Local Authority when a child is in Year 6. The closing date for submission of the CAF is 31 October each year.

Website: www.tiffingirls.kingston.sch.uk

Contact: Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 5PL

Tel: 020 8546 0773

TORMEAD SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Candidates sit entrance examinations comprising English, Mathematics and Reasoning papers. Candidates are not interviewed but references and/or reports are obtained from each pupil's current school.

Academic, Art, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.tormeadschool.org.uk

Contact: Tormead School, Cranley Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 2JD

Tel: 01483 575101

Secondary Schools for Boys

HALLIFORD SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ Admissions:

11+ entrance examinations are held in January. The exam will consist of papers in English and Mathematics and tests in Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning papers are standard. The English paper is in two parts - comprehension and composition. The Mathematics paper is based on National Curriculum Level 4.

Website: www.hallifordschool.co.uk

Contact: Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 9HX

Tel: 01932 223593

HAMPTON SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Entry is via the School's own entrance exam and applicants are tested in English, Mathematics and Words & Reasoning in the January prior to entry.

Academic, Art, Chess, Music, Performing Arts and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.hamptonschool.org.uk

Contact: Hampton School, Hanworth Road, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 3HD

Tel: 020 8979 9273

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

The 11+ entrance examinations take place on a Saturday morning in January when boys are in Year 6. There are three examinations: English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning.

Academic, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.kcs.org.uk

Contact: King's College School, Southside, Wimbledon Common, London, SW19 4TT

Tel: 020 8255 5300

KINGSWOOD HOUSE SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 16

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

There is no entry examinations, pupils are invited for a taster morning during which time they have a standardised screening assessment with the Senco.

Academic and all-rounder scholarship assessments take place in February.

Website: www.kingswoodhouse.org

Tel: 01372 723590

REED'S SCHOOL ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day and Boarding

11+ admissions:

Prospective pupils will be required to sit the School's 11+ Entry Test in January. The Entry Test consists of papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Boys will also have a short interview where they will be able to talk about themselves and their interests. A confidential report from the candidate's current school will also be obtained.

Academic, Art, Music and Sport scholarships are available.

Website: www.reeds.surrey.sch.uk

Contact: Reed's School, Sandy Lane, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 2ES

Tel: 01932 869001

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD ↓

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

Boys will sit a day of papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning, each paper lasting one hour. In addition, the boys will be interviewed in pairs where they will be able to talk about themselves and their interests.

Academic and Music scholarships are available.

Website: www.rgs-guildford.co.uk

Contact: Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford, GU1 3BB

Tel: 01483 880600

TIFFIN SCHOOL ↓

Selective State Grammar School

Ages: Up to age 18

Day/Boarding: Day

11+ admissions:

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Website: www.tiffinschool.co.uk

Contact: Queen Elizabeth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT2 6RL

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