

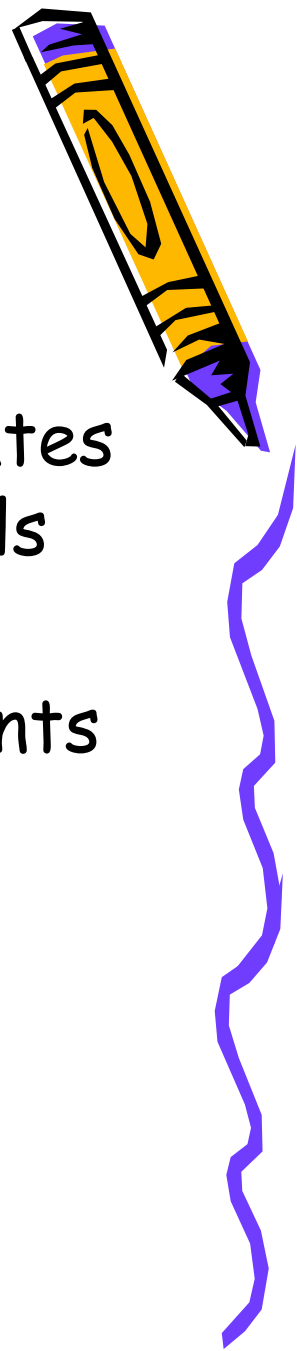


Secondary Transfer 2019-20

17th June 2019



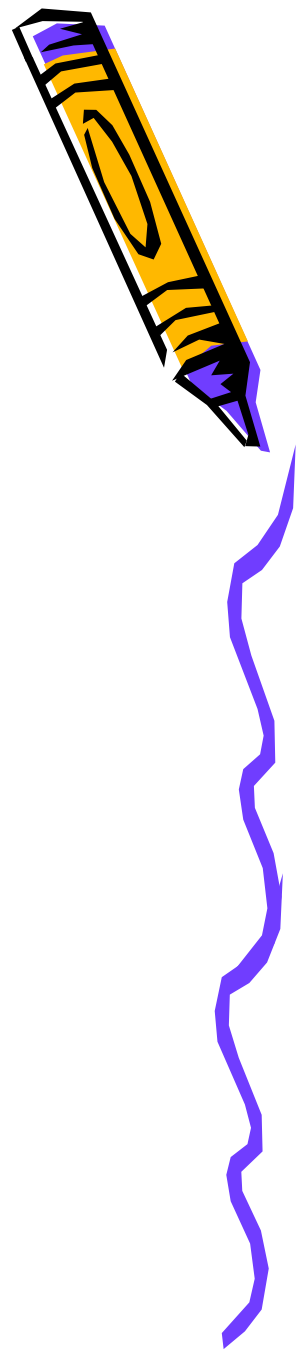
Applying for a Secondary School Place



- Hertfordshire County Council co-ordinates the admissions for all maintained schools
- Before the end of this term you should receive information about the open events and a "Moving on 2020" leaflet should arrive early in Sept.
- www.hertsdirect.org/admissions



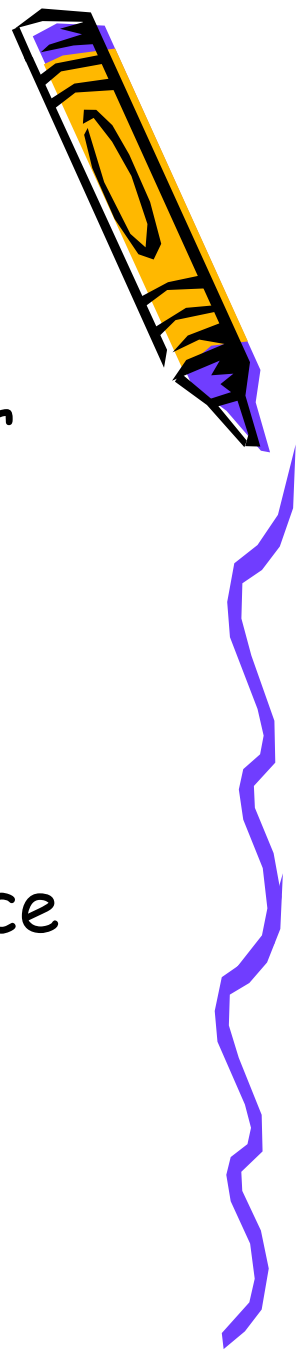
Testing Before Preference



- Admission tests now take place in September
- Test results are known before applications are made to support making informed preferences



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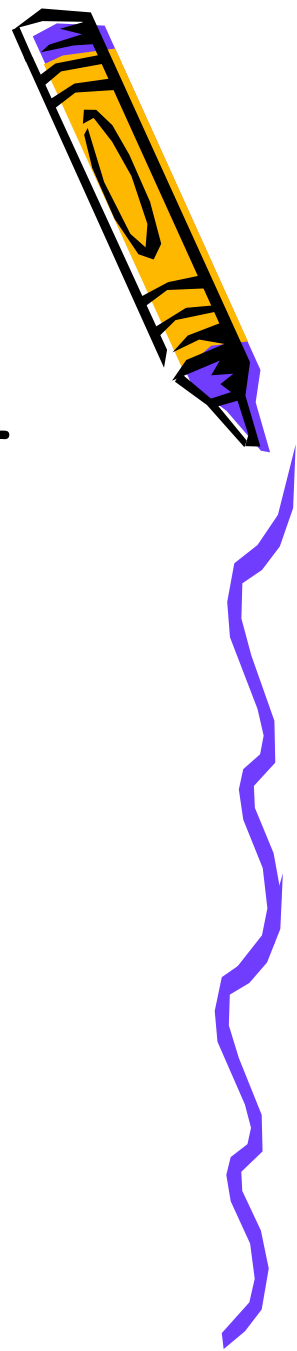


- Applications open in Mon 2nd September 2019
- Statutory deadline is 31st October
- Vast majority of applications are made online. Parents receive a parent ID, username and password
- Online applicants will be notified of place offered on Monday 2nd March 2020



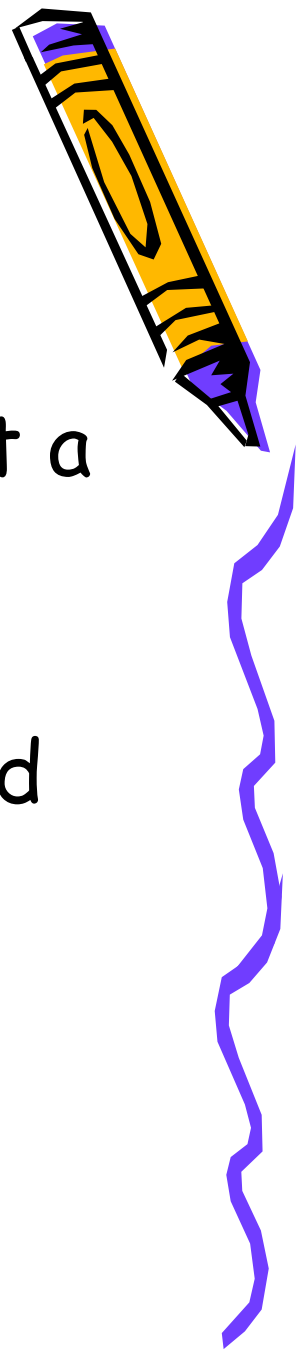
Paper Applications

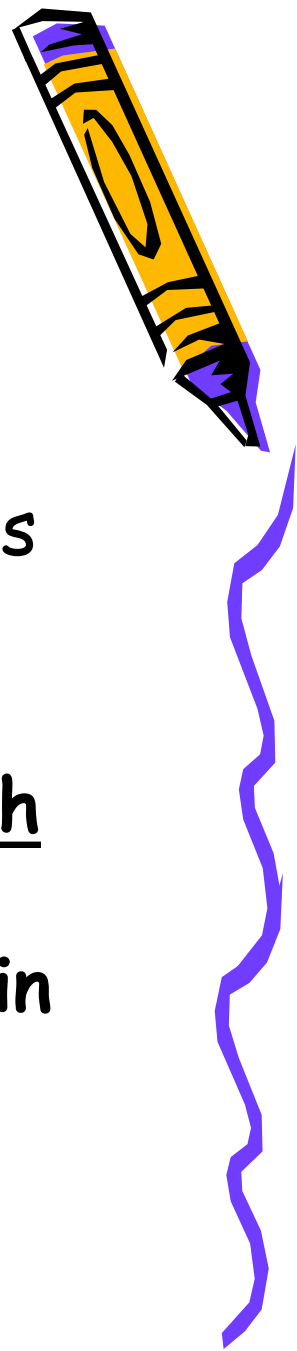
- Form in back of Moving On booklet
- Don't return to Little Green
- Get proof of postage



Address Verification

- Each year primary schools are sent a list asking us to verify addresses against our records
- Please ensure we are kept informed of any change of circumstances so our records are accurate





Making Informed Choices

- Visit the schools
- Talk to parents and pupils at the schools
- Think about your child - which school is most suited to him/her
- Study the admissions criteria for each school carefully
- Use all four of your options, ranking in order of preference



Ranking Four Schools

- Will be disadvantaged if you don't make four preferences – could end up with a 'written in' option if you don't meet criteria for others
- Listing four doesn't affect your chances of getting a higher ranked school if you meet the criteria
- Schools do not know where they were ranked at this stage
- Opportunity to indicate your preferences

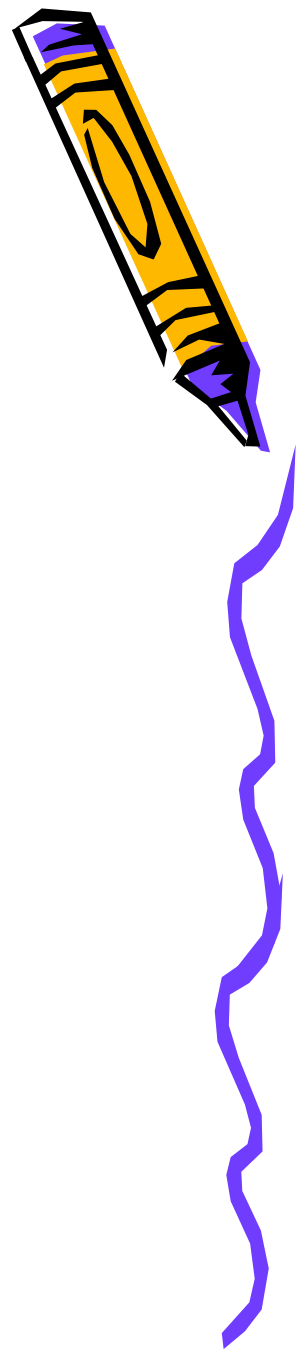


"Be realistic about your chances of getting a particular school. You can list up to 4 schools in order of preference. We call these your "ranked" schools."

Two years ago, 518 children were allocated primary schools they didn't rank.

Of those, 74% didn't list their nearest school and 18% only listed 1 school."

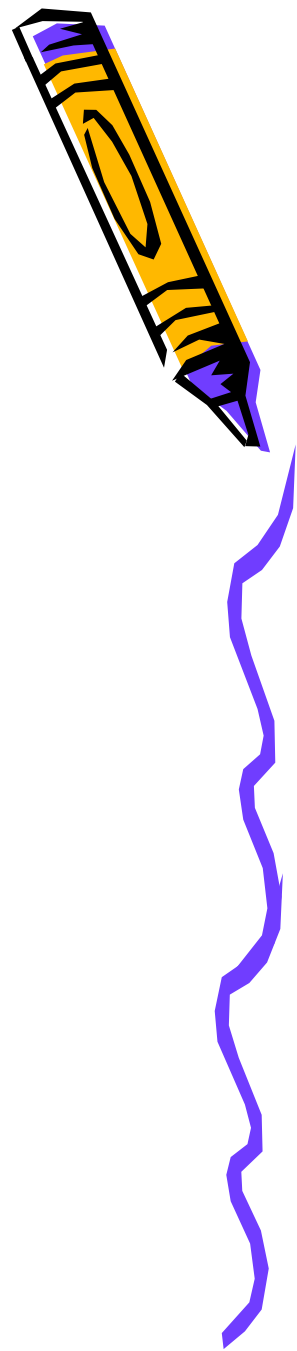
Karen, Admissions officer



Local Schools

- Each school has its own set of admission criteria
- Information pertaining to Herts Schools Directory via link:

www.hertsdirect.org.uk/admissions



Out Of County Schools

- All applications go through the county in which you reside
- If you live in Herts and want a Bucks school, apply via Herts listing the Bucks school (and vice versa).

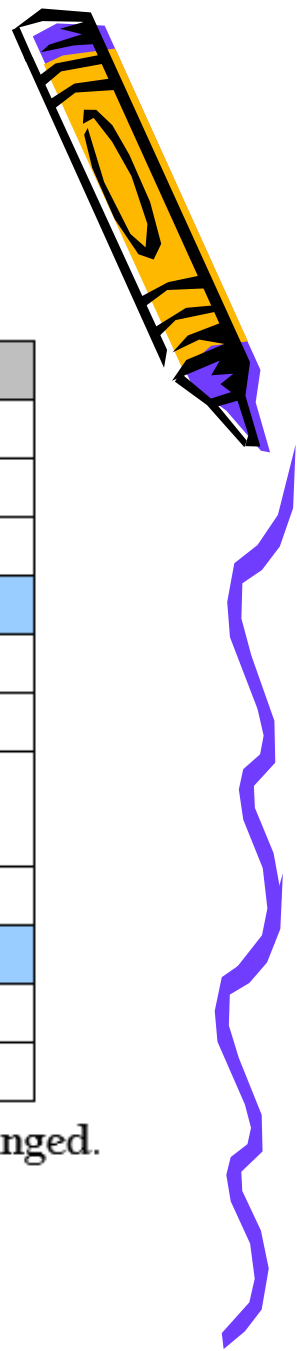


Selective Schools

- ALL selective schools require you to complete their own admission forms in addition to the County forms - please check carefully the date set to return this by for each school.



Admissions Tests



- Visit www.swhertsschools.org.uk

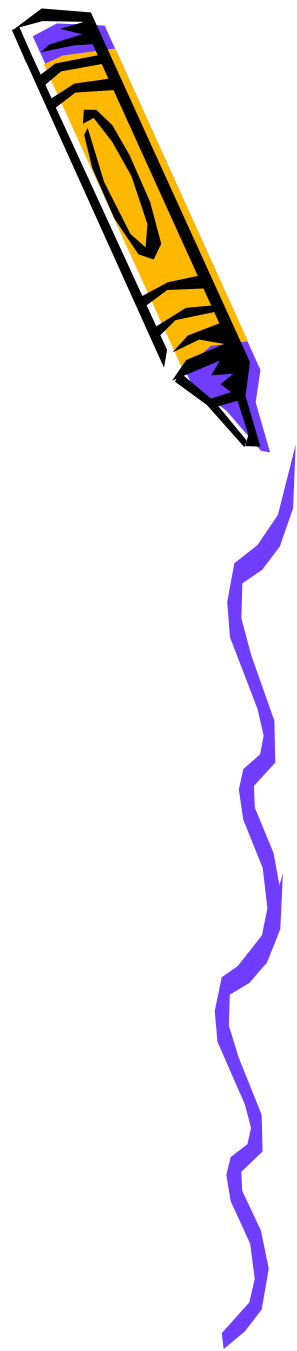
| Date - 2019 | Test |
|---|---|
| Monday 22 nd April | Online registration for the tests opens |
| Friday 21 st June | Online registration closes |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Parents informed of test venue |
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| Saturday 7 th September | Academic test |
| Monday 9 th September | Music aptitude test |
| Friday 13 th September or Tuesday 17 th September* | Queens' School sports aptitude test |
| w/c Monday 23 rd September | Start of second round music tests |
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| Wednesday 16 th October | Scores notified to parents |
| Thursday 31 st October | Secondary application deadline |

*Sports Test dates are allocated on an alphabetical basis which cannot be changed.



South West Herts School Admission Consortium

- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Croxley Danes
- Parmiters
- Queens
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls



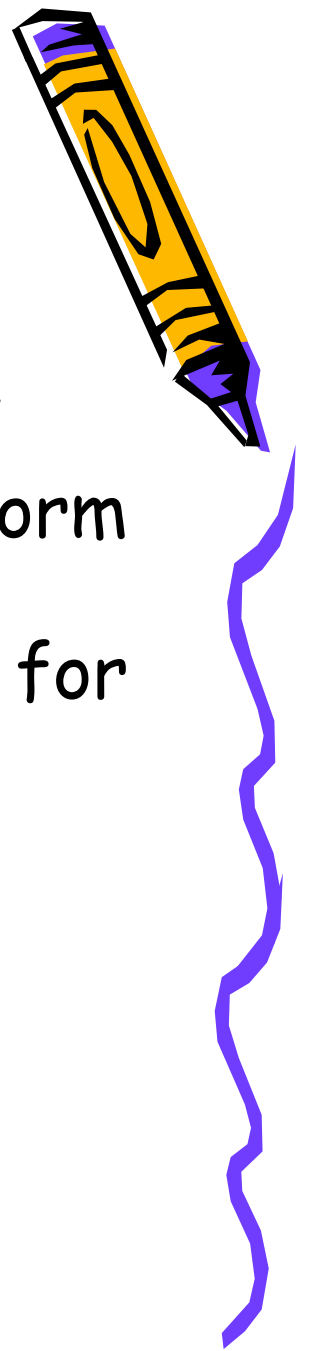
Special Arrangements



- May be allowed additional time or special access arrangements.
- Immediately after registering evidence from Little Green needs to be sent to Test Co-Ordinator by Friday 21st June.
- Mrs Boddy may be able to help - please give time to process.



Applying for Tests



- Access the form via a weblink on any of the secondary schools' websites - one form for all schools but must identify all the tests you wish your child to be entered for
- Access form via:
www.swhertsschools.org.uk homepage
- Familiarisation papers and useful FAQ page also available



Important !



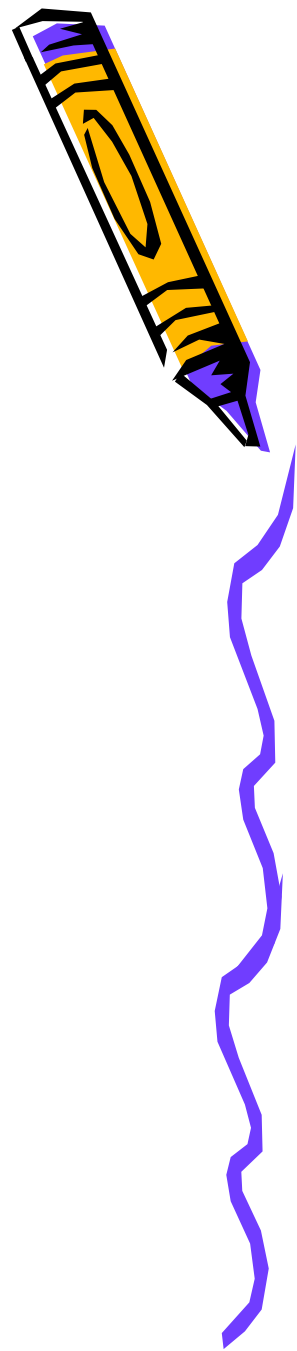
- Registering for a test is not an application for a school place. You must apply for school places in the Autumn term by 31st October deadline.



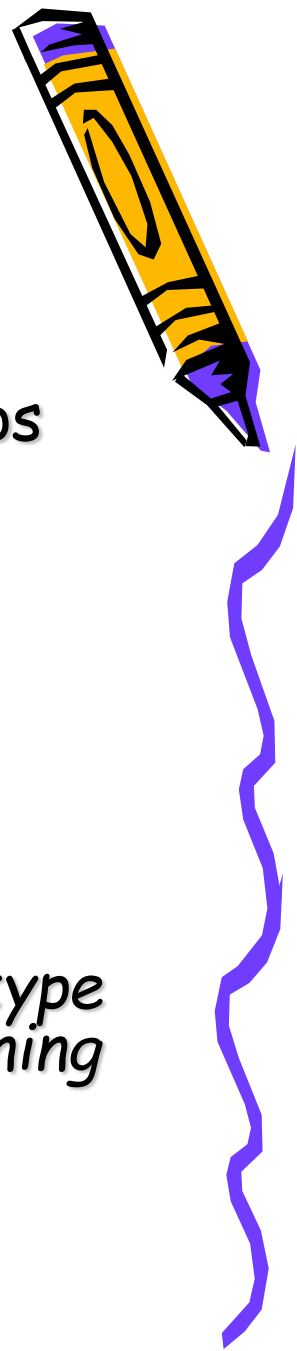
The Academic Tests

- Two tests:

Verbal reasoning and Mathematics - 45 minutes to one hour each with a short break in between the tests.



Helping Your Child



- Sample papers available online and in bookshops (eg CPG)
- Work through problems **with** them - share thoughts and ideas
- **PRAISE! PRAISE! PRAISE!**
- Talk about 'easy mistakes'
- Familiarise but **DON'T** over practice
- Teach them test technique - *missing out questions they struggle with, looking for the type they are most comfortable with if time is running out, CHECKING!*



Approaching Practice

- Be a 'fellow learner'
- Make it seem like an enjoyable challenge -like solving a puzzle together
- Try 'overlearning' techniques
- Towards the test date, set a challenge of doing longer sessions, on their own, leading to properly timed full practice.
- *“It is a test to make sure this is the right school for you” rather than “ It’s a test to see if you are good enough”.*



Music Tests

- Initial Aptitude test
- “60 questions on pitch, melody, texture and rhythm”.
- May be asked to come back to perform a single piece on an instrument, or a song



Questions

