

Secondary School Open Days (for entrance September 2027)

Here is a list of our local secondary school open mornings/evenings for entry in September 2027. Local secondary schools arrange plenty of opportunities for parents and Y5/6 children to visit before you have to make your choice. PAN means the Planned Admissions Number (how many children they take) for Y7 in 2027.

Applications open in early September 2026 and close on 31st October 2026, you will then be told which school your child has been allocated to on the National Offer Day (1st March 2027). We would strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to visit in person to see if the school is suitable for your child and their needs.

Local State Schools

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge (Sonning Common) PAN:120 (part of Maiden Erlegh Trust)

<https://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk/>

Open Evening: tbc (expected to be Tuesday 29th September 17:30-19:30)

Open Mornings: September and early October 09:15-10:45, exact dates still tba (no need to book)

Gillotts (Henley) PAN:180

<https://gillotts.org.uk/admissions/open-days/>

Open Evening: tbc (expected to be Thursday 24th September 18:00-20:15)

Open Day tbc (expected to be Tuesday 29th September 09:15-12:00)

No need to book, webinars from 2021 available on their website.

Highdown (Caversham) PAN:250

<https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/open-evening>

2026 open mornings: 19th June, 23rd June and 1st July 9:15-10:15

Open Evening: tbc (expected to be Thursday 1st October, 18:00-20:00)

Open Mornings: week commencing Monday 5th October 09:00-11:00 booking opens in September.

River Academy (Reading) PAN 180 +7SEN (part of Maiden Erlegh Trust)

<https://www.river-academy.co.uk/>

Newly opened in September 2024, so will only have Y7-10 by September 2027.

Has Y5 open mornings/taster in June.

Open Evening: tbc (expected to be Wednesday 30th September).

Langtree (Woodcote) PAN:120

<http://www.langtreeschool.com/>

Open evening tbc (expected to be Thursday 17th September)

Open Mornings tbc (expected to be Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September)

Must prebook open evening and mornings

Videos from last year <https://langtreeschool.com/year-6-transition-to-langtree-school/>

The Piggott School (Wargrave) PAN:206

<https://www.piggottschool.org/admissions>

Open Evening: tbc (expected to be Thursday 24th September, 17:00-20:00)

Open Days usually first week in October 09:15-10:30 (must prebook).

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Grammar - Reading Boys (Reading) 138 day places

<http://www.reading-school.co.uk/admissions>

Selective grammar school – boys only (138 day places and 12 boarding by examination)
On-line registration opens Wednesday 25th March 2026 and closes Sunday 17th May 2026
Open Day is Wednesday 25th March 2026.
Admissions testing date: Thursday 16th July 2026.

Grammar – Kendrick Girls (Reading) 128 places

<http://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/>

Selective grammar school – girls only (128 day places by examination)
On-line registration opens in May 2026 and closes no 1st July 2026
Open Day is Wednesday 22nd April 2026
GL Assessment testing date: tbc (expected to be Friday 18th September 2026)

Local Independent Schools (in alphabetical order)

Abbey Senior School – girls (Reading) £27 519 per year

<https://theabbey.co.uk/the-abbey-all-girls/visit-us/>

“Meet the head” events once a month (26th Feb, 19th March, 30th April, 14th May, 11th June)
Open Days : Saturday 9th May 09:30–12:30 and Monday 22nd June 09:30-11:00 and 14:30-16:00
Y5 taster day 17th June 2026
Applications close 15th October, entrance exam early November
Also virtual tour on website and personal tours on request.

Reading Blue Coat – co-ed (Sonning) £24 837 per year

<https://rbcs.org.uk/admissions/visiting-and-taster-days/>

Open Morning: Saturday 16th May 10:30-12:30 (register on website, bookings open now)
Also mini tours for parents: weekly April and May all 10:30-12:30 booking essential
Applications close 31st October, entrance exams November\December

Cranford House – co-ed (Wallingford) £21 801 per year

<https://www.cranfordschool.co.uk/admissions/admissions-process>

Y5 experience days: tbc
Open Mornings: 9th – 13th March 2026
Open Morning: tbc (expect to be Saturday 10th October 9:30-12:30)
Applications close 1st November, assessment early November

Crosfields School – co-ed, (Reading) £24 585 Y7 to £26 085 Y11

<https://www.crosfields.com/events/>

Open Day: Saturday 25th April 09:30-12:00
Taster Days: 4th June and again in October & November and personal tours available on request
Applications close: 3rd November, assessments late November / early January

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Leighton Park School – co-ed (Reading) £28 275 Y7-8 to £34 470 Y9-11 (day pupils)

<https://www.leightonpark.com/how-to-apply/>

Open Morning Friday 13th March and Friday 1st May 09:00-11:00

Open Day: Saturday 26th September 2026 from 9am

Taster Day for Y6 in October and November

Booking essential.

Applications close 13th November 2026, assessment Sat 9th January 2027

The Oratory – co-ed (Woodcote) £24 840 Y7-8 to £33 894 Y9-13 (day pupils)

<https://www.oratory.co.uk/admissions/welcome-from-admissions>

Open Day: Saturday 7th March 09:30-12:30, Saturday 9th May and Saturday 26th September

Taster Days for Y5 Tuesday 9th June, Thursday 18th June Booking essential

Assessment Saturday in early January 2027

Queen Anne's - girls (Caversham) £27 360 Y7-8 to £32 199 Y9-13 (day pupils)

<https://www.qas.org.uk/admissions/entry-guide>

Open mornings Friday 27th February and Saturday 9th May 09:30-12:30

Y5 Taster Day Tuesday 19th May 2026

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close 19th October, assessment early November

St Joseph's College Reading - co-ed (Reading) £19 047 (Potentially closing summer 26)

<https://www.sjcr.org.uk/admissions-process/>

Y5 Taster Day June

Open Morning: ~~monthly Wednesday 18th March, 13th May, 24th June~~

Open Evening: Thursday 8th October, 18:00-21:00

Applications close ~~31st October, assessment January 2027~~

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Shiplake College – co-ed (Shiplake, Henley) £26 625 Y7-8 to £33 750 Y9-13 (day pupils)

<https://www.shiplake.org.uk/admissions/applying-to-shiplake/admissions-process>

Open Morning: Saturday 21st March 2026 and Saturday 10th October 09:00 - 12:00

Y5 Taster Day June (date tbc)

Y6 Taster Days September, October, and November 10:30-3:15pm

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close December, assessment January 2027