

Secondary School Open Days (for entrance September 2027)

Here is a list of our local secondary school open mornings/evenings. Local secondary schools arrange plenty of opportunities for parents and Y5 children to visit before you have to make your choice and some offer Y5 Taster Days later in the year. PAN means the Planned Admissions Number (how many children they will admit) for Y7 in 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: Wednesday 23rd September 17:30-19:30, no need to book

Open Mornings: Wednesday 14th and Thursday 14th October 09:15-10:45, no need to book

Gillotts (Henley) PAN:180

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

Open Evening: Thursday 24th September 18:00-20:15

Open Day: Tuesday 29th September 09:15-10:45

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

Highdown (Caversham) PAN:250

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

Open Evening: Friday 2nd October, 18:00-20:00 no need to book

Open Mornings: usually week commencing Monday 6th October but not on their calendar yet.

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

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

Open Evening: Wednesday 30th September 17:30-19:45 (no booking needed)

Open Mornings Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th, Tuesday 29th September, Thursday 8th October 09:30-10:45 (booking needed)

Langtree (Woodcote) PAN:120

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

Open evening: Thursday 17th September 17:45 – 20:00 (booking needed)

Open Mornings: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September 9:15 or 11:00 (booking required)

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: Thursday 1st October, 17:00-20:00 (no booking needed)

Open Mornings 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 13th October 09:15-10:45 (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 in the Spring and testing takes place in July.

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 2027 and closes in July

GL Assessment testing date: September 2027

Local Independent Schools (in alphabetical order)

Abbey Senior School – girls (Reading) £27 510 per year incl VAT and lunches

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

“Working Open Day” 18th September, 27th November (register for either morning or afternoon)

Y5 Taster Day Thursday 8th October

Applications close 15th October, entrance exam early November

Also virtual tour on website and personal tours on request.

Reading Blue Coat – co-ed (Sonning) £26 100 per year incl VAT excl lunches

<https://rbcs.org.uk/admissions/admissions-welcome/>

Open Morning: Saturday 3rd October 10:30-12:30 (register on website, bookings open now)

Also mini tours for parents: weekly October and November all 10:30-12:30 booking essential

Applications close 30th October, entrance exams November\December

Cranford House – co-ed (Wallingford) £23 109 per year incl VAT excl lunches

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

“Whole School Open Doors” Friday 25th September 9:00-15:00

Open Mornings: Saturday 3rd October 09:30 – 12:00

Whole School Open Week 23-27 November

Applications close 1st November, assessment early November

Crosfields School – co-ed, (Reading) £25 485 Y7 to £27 137 Y11 in VAT & lunches

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

Open Day: Saturday 26th September 09:30-12:00

Week Day Open morning Thursday 15th October 09:15-11:00

personal tours available on request

Applications close: 2nd November, assessments 26th November

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Leighton Park School – co-ed (Reading) £29 2505 Y7-8 to £35 670 Y9-11 (day pupils) incl lunches and extra-curricular activities and wrap around care

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

Open Day: Saturday 26th September 2026 9-11am

Weekday Open Morning: Friday 16th October, and 6th November 09:00

Booking essential.

Applications close 13th November 2026, assessment Sat 16th January 2027

The Oratory – co-ed (Woodcote) £26 808 Y7-8 to £36 237 Y9-13 (day pupils incl VAT & lunch)

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

Open Day: Saturday 26th September 09:30-12:30

Taster Days for Y5 Thursday 19th November Booking essential

Assessment Saturday in early January 2027

Queen Anne's - girls (Caversham) £27 975 Y7-8 to £33 729 Y9-13 (day pupils) incl VAT & lunch

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

Open morning Saturday 19th September 09:30-12:30

Opening morning Friday 26th February 2027

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close 19th October, assessment early November

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 10th October 09:00 - 12:00, 20th March 2027

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close December, assessment January 2027