

Secondary School Open Days (for entrance September 2026)

Here is a list of our local secondary school open mornings/evenings for entry in September 2026. Local secondary schools arrange plenty of opportunities for parents and Y5/6 children to visit before you have to make your choice. PAN is the planned admissions number for the Y7 intake in 2026.

Applications normally open in early September 2025 and close on 31st October 2025, you will then be told which school your child has been allocated to on the National Offer Day (1st March 2026). We would 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

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

Open Evening: Tuesday 30th September 17:30-19:30

Open Mornings: September and early October 09:15-10:45, exact dates still tba.

Gillotts (Henley) PAN:180

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

Open Evening Thursday 25th September 18:00-20:15

Open Day Tuesday 30th 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>

Open Evening: Thursday 2nd October, 18:00-20:00

Open Mornings: week commencing Monday 6th October 09:00-11:00 – these must be prebooked, booking opens in September.

River Academy (Reading) PAN 180 +7SEN

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

Newly opened in September 2024, so will only have Y7, Y8 and Y9 by September 2026. Has Y5 open mornings in June.

Open Evening: not on website yet but probably Wednesday 1st October.

Langtree (Woodcote) PAN:120

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

Open evening Thursday 18th September

Open Mornings Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September

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

The Piggott School (Wargrave) PAN:206

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

Dates not published yet but **probably**

Open Evening: Thursday 25th September, 17:00-20:00

Open Days usually first week in October 09:15-10:30.

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Grammar - Reading Boys (Reading) 138 day places

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

Selective grammar school – boys only (138 day places and 12 boarding by examination)

Open Day was Tuesday 1st April 2025, next one will be similar time in 2026.

Admissions already closed, admissions testing date: **Friday 5th September 2025**

Grammar – Kendrick Girls (Reading) 128 places

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

Selective grammar school – girls only (128 day places by examination)

Open Day was Tuesday 29th April 2025, next one will be similar time in 2026.

Admissions already closed, GL Assessment testing date: **Friday 19th September 2025**

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/>

Working Open Days : Friday 26th September, Wednesday 26th November, Thursday 22nd January
9:30-11 and 2:30-4

Y5 taster day June

Applications close 15th October, entrance exam 3rd November 2025

Also virtual tour on website and personal tours on request.

Bluecoat – co-ed (Sonning) £24 837 per year

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

Open Morning: Saturday 4th October 10:30-12:30 (register on website, bookings open now)

Also mini tours for parents: September/October/November all 10:30-12:30 booking essential

Applications close 31st October, entrance exams November\December

Cranford House – co-ed (Wallingford) £21 801 2024 prices

<https://www.cranfordschool.co.uk/admissions/openevents>

Y5 experience days: Tuesday 23rd September, Thursday 16th October

Open Morning: Saturday 11th October 9:30-12:30 (register on website, bookings open now)

Applications close 1st November, assessment 11th November

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

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

Open Day: Saturday 27th September and Thursday 16th October 09:30-12:00

Taster Days 9th October, 20th November and personal tours available on request

Applications close: 3rd November, assessments 27th November / 22nd 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/>

Open Morning Saturday 27th September 09:00

Taster Day for Y6 Thursday 14th October and Tuesday 11th November

Booking essential.

Applications close 14th November, assessment Sat 10th January 2026

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

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

Open Day: Saturday 27th September 09:30-12:30

Taster Days for Y6 16th October, 13th November Booking essential

Assessment Saturday 18th January 2026

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

<http://qas.org.uk>

Open mornings Saturday 20th September 9:30-11:30

Y5 Taster Day May

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close 20th October, assessment 8th November

St Joseph's College Reading - co-ed (Reading) £19 047

<http://www.sjcr.org.uk/>

Y5 Taster Days June

Open Evening: Thursday 2nd October, 18:00-21:00

Open Morning: Wednesday 12th November

Applications close 31st October, assessment January 2026

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/>

“Experience Shiplake” taster afternoon for Y5s: June

Y6 Taster Days 25th September, 3rd October, 7th October, 21st November 10:30-3:15pm

Open Mornings Saturday 20th September 09:00 - 12:00

Saturday 21st March

Virtual tours on the website, personal tours by booking.

Applications close December, assessment January 2026