

# Secondary school information meeting

Note: Educational Health and Care Plans are covered by a different system – Mrs Case will talk to all parents and carers of children with EHCPs.

# Schools in our area:

- Comprehensive
- Grammar
- Private

# Comprehensive = no test

Raynes Park High School	Boys and girls
Coombe Boys' School	Boys
Coombe Girls' School	Girls
Southborough High School	Boys
The Hollyfield School	Boys and girls
Tolworth Girls' School	Girls
Chessington School	Boys and girls
Rutlish School	Boys
The Kingston Academy	Boys and girls
Ricards Lodge High School	Girls
Glenthorne High School	Boys and girls
Greenshaw High School*	Boys and girls
St Cecilia's Church of England School	Boys and girls
Richard Challoner School	Boys
The Holy Cross School	Girls
Ursuline Convent	Girls
Wimbledon College	Boys

# Grammar = test

Tiffin School	Boys
The Tiffin Girls' School	Girls
Wilson's School	Boys
Nonsuch High School for Girls	Girls
Sutton Grammar School	Boys
Wallington County Grammar School	Boys
Wallington High School for Girls	Girls

NOTE: Not Kingston Grammar School

# Private = test + money

Kings College School	Boys
Wimbledon High School	Girls
Lady Eleanor Holles School	Girls
Ewell Castle School	Boys and girls
Kingston Grammar School	Boys and girls

Fees are between £20,000 – 30,000 per year

Getting into Grammar school  
- what we can tell you.

We don't teach the grammar school test.

It is very competitive.

You will need tuition.

# Tiffin School

How places were offered on 1 March for September

	2025	2024	2023
Applicants tested at Stage One	1675	1654	1666
Applicants tested at Stage Two	653	666	680
Places offered initially	186	186	186
Initial qualifying score <i>(the lowest score achieved by a student offered a place on 1<sup>st</sup> March)</i>	100	104	104
Cut off score <i>(the lowest score achieved by a student offered a place by the end of Y7)</i>	98	102	100
Number of students eligible for Pupil Premium (or similar) funding who were offered a place*	11	6	5
Number of appeals heard	3	9	6
Number of successful appeals	0	0	1

If you are thinking of grammar school for your child, their report should show them secure or mastery in reading, writing and maths.

If they are developing or emerging, they are likely to find the tests too hard.

Getting into Comprehensive school –  
what we can tell you.

Schools around us are very popular.

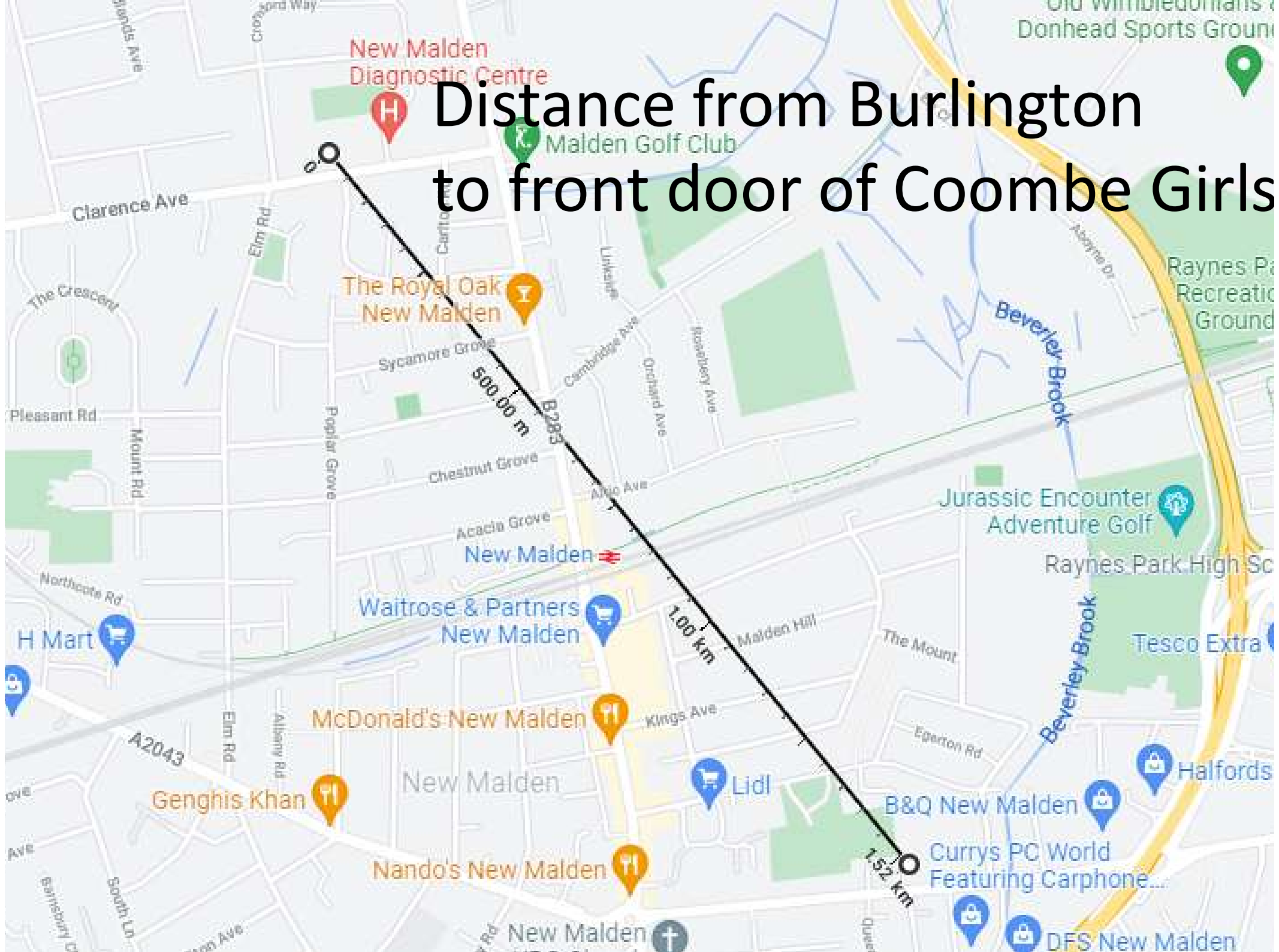
If you apply to a school that is not very  
close to you, you are unlikely to get in.

<b>How places were offered 1 March for September Intake</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total number of applications	989	899	869
Looked after and previously looked after children (criterion 1)	2	0	0
Siblings (criterion 2)	93	71	61
Children of Coombe staff (criterion 3)	1	1	0
Exceptional Family, Social or Medical needs (criterion 4)	1	0	1
Distance (criterion 5)	155	180	191
Girls with a statement / EHCP	3	4	3
Number of appeals lodged	5	5	1
Number of appeals upheld	1	1	0
Distance from home to the school of the last child offered a place on 1 March	<b>1.915km</b>	<b>2.628km</b>	<b>2.959km</b>

## Applying to Coombe Girls School.

Note – the catchment area is affected by the number of sibling places – it is expected to shrink this year.

# Distance from Burlington to front door of Coombe Girls



# Coombe Girls' 2023 catchment



# Coombe Girls' 2024 catchment



# How do you apply for secondary school?

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Application must be in by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Offers go out 2nd March 2026

Places start being offered to children on waiting lists at the end of March.

You can apply for up to 6 schools.

You need to put them in order.

Schools don't find out what order you've put them in.

Church schools will need supporting documents.

**RELIGIOUS VERIFICATION**

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENTS/CARERS IF APPLYING UNDER CATEGORY 1,2,3,5,6 AND 7**

**For Catholic applicants: If you attend Mass in more than one Church, please submit a separate copy of a Priest Reference Form for each parish. Please include copy of your daughter's baptism certificate.**

**For applicants of other Christian denominations and for all other faiths, please hand the Faith Leader Reference Form to your vicar, minister or faith leader. For all Christian applicants evidence of baptism or certificate of dedication will be required.**

**NB:** For entry into all years, you **MUST** also complete and return a Common Application Form to your Local Authority.

<b>Religion/Denomination of child (e.g. Roman Catholic)</b>	
<b>Date and place of baptism (please include copy of baptism certificate)</b>	
<b>Parents' names</b>	
<b>Parents' religion/denomination</b>	
<b>Day and time of Mass/service attended</b>	
<b>Parish in which you live (for Catholic applicants)</b>	
<b>Usual place of worship (if different)</b>	
<b>How long have you worshipped there</b>	

How often do you attend Mass:

- weekly**  
*(ranking priority level 1)*
- fortnightly**  
*(ranking priority level 2)*
- at least once a month**  
*(ranking priority level 3)*
- less often**  
*(ranking priority level 4)*

# How it works:

Preference	School	Qualify for place?	Outcome
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Tiffin Girls	No	Waiting list
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Kingston Academy	Yes	Offered
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nonsuch High School	Yes	Withdrawn
4 <sup>th</sup>	Coombe Girls'	Yes	Withdrawn
5 <sup>th</sup>	Raynes Park High	Yes	Withdrawn
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tolworth Girls' School	No	Withdrawn

On offer day, you are told what schools have offered you a place.

In this example, a place was offered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, Kingston Academy. This means the applications for any schools lower down the order (Nonsuch, Coombe Girls', Raynes Park and Tolworth Girls') are withdrawn. You automatically go on the waiting list for any schools higher up the order than the one you've been offered (in this example, Tiffin Girls').

Put down as many schools as you can.

If you only put down one, it doesn't make you more likely to get it.

If you don't get a place at any of the schools you've chosen, a school will be chosen for you.

Some schools have sibling links.

For example:

If you have a boy already at Coombe Boys, your daughter will be given priority for Coombe Girls.

# Be realistic about...

- Grammar school
- How near you are to a school
- Religion

	2024	2023	2022
Total number of applications	588	574	580
<b>Places allocated to:</b>			
Baptised Catholics	138	138	138
Other Christian	12	12	12
Other faiths	0	0	0
Other boys	0	0	0
Boys with EHCP	9	12	9
Number of appeals heard	9	11	4
Number of successful appeals	1	2	2

From Richard Challoner website –  
Note: in the last three years, no places have been offered to children of other faiths.

An example of unrealistic and realistic applications for a boy living in Burlington Road. The unrealistic application provides only one back up in the case of the child not getting into grammar school, and Burlington Road is outside the catchment area for Kingston Academy.

## Unrealistic

1	Tiffin
2	Wilsons
3	Wallington
4	Kingston Academy

## Realistic

1	Tiffin
2	Wilsons
3	Wallington
4	Coombe Boys
5	Raynes Park High

An example of unrealistic and realistic applications for a girl living in Burlington Road. In the unrealistic version, it is likely that a girl living in New Malden will be out of the catchment area for all four schools.

## Unrealistic

1	Tolworth Girls
2	Glenthorne
3	Holy Cross
4	Hollyfield

## Realistic

1	Tolworth Girls
2	Glenthorne
3	Coombe Girls
4	Raynes Park High

# Advice

Visit schools (if possible)

Talk to parents with children at the school

Be realistic

Ask for help if you need it