

Admissions

Information for **September 2025** Entry

Cheam High School is part of the Pan London Coordinated Admissions Scheme for Secondary Admissions

The Admissions process - your questions answered

We know that the application for transfer for high school is very complicated and very stressful, particularly if you are making an application for the first time.

We appreciate that you will have received a great deal of general information already, however, this leaflet has been specifically designed to help you understand our admission process and also has FAQ that you may find helpful.

What are Cheam High School's admission criteria for transfer to high school?

The information to the right is based on the full criteria laid out in the school's Admission Policy. However, you need to read the full Admission Policy for clarification on definitions, conditions or the processes that are used to allocate places and should not use the information to the right as the official criteria. The Admissions Policy can be found on the school website under the *Joining Us* heading or can be requested from the school.

Admissions criteria

There are 320 places in Year 7 for 2026 entry.

Up to 290 places are available as follows:

CRITERION 1: To those children designated as looked after children or previously looked after children (usually very small numbers).

CRITERION 2: To those with exceptional circumstances ie social welfare reasons or medical grounds (usually very small numbers).

CRITERION 3: To those with siblings attending the school at the time of allocation unless the sibling is expected to leave before the admission date.

CRITERION 4: To children of staff (subject to certain conditions).

CRITERION 5: To children on the basis of proximity to the school.

Up to 30 places are available as follows:

CRITERION 6: To children who live within 1.1 km of Dorchester Primary school (Worcester Park) with those living nearer to Dorchester Primary School being given the higher priority. (See over for more information).



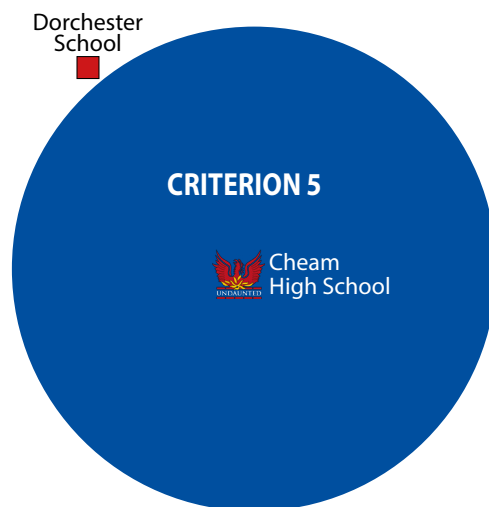
Every school has admission criteria. They show the order in which students are offered places if there are more applications than places. Schools have to follow their admission criteria.



Explaining distance criteria

CRITERION 5

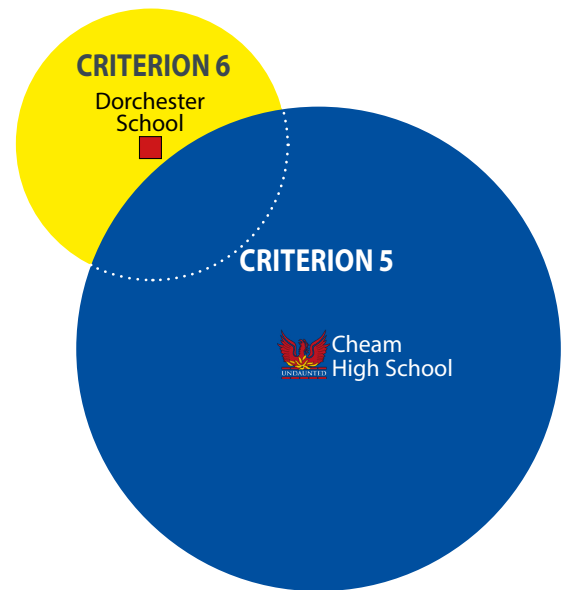
All students who have not been offered a place under Criteria 1-4 will be considered on distance criteria. Criterion 5 is based on distance from the school.



CRITERION 6

If you live within 1.1 km of Dorchester Primary School (Worcester Park) and do not get an offer under previous criteria including Criterion 5 (distance from the school) then you qualify for Criterion 6.

There are **up to 30 places** available which are ranked on distance from Dorchester Primary School.



NB: The size of the distance circles will vary from year to year. These diagrams above are NOT to scale.

Key dates and deadlines

31st October 2024 - Closing date for applications. Applicants must name Cheam High School on their application if they wish to be considered for a place at the school.

1st March 2025 - Successful applicants will receive their offer, in common with schools nationally.

Further information

For further information on the application process please contact the school's Admissions Officer by phone on 020 8644 5790 or email admissions@cheam.suttonsch.uk

The school's full Admission Policy and other admission information is available on the school website (under *Joining Us*).



Admissions FAQs

Q: DO I HAVE TO PUT A SCHOOL FIRST TO STAND A CHANCE OF BEING OFFERED A PLACE?

No. All schools will apply their admission criteria to all applicants equally. Schools do not know what order you have chosen. Schools will simply put all their applicants in order, using their admission criteria.

Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT I COULD GET OFFERS FROM MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL?

No. If more than one school tries to offer you a place, then your home Local Authority will look at your list of school preferences and give you the one you said you wanted most eg, if you get offers from your second choice school and your third choice school, then the third choice school will be rejected for you and you will get the offer from your second choice school. This means that the order you put schools down must be the one that you truly want.

Q: I LIVE ON THE EDGE OF WORCESTER PARK NEAR SURREY. DO I HAVE TO PUT SURREY SCHOOLS FIRST TO STAND A CHANCE?

You are allowed to put down any school from any local authority and you will not get penalised for this.

Q: DOES PUTTING THE SCHOOL DOWN IN A CERTAIN ORDER INCREASE MY CHANCE OF A PLACE?

If you put us first and we offer you a place then you will receive that offer. If you put another school before us and they offer you a place then you will get their offer. This means you must make sure the order of schools you put down is right for you.

Q: MY CHILD HAS A BROTHER OR SISTER AT CHEAM WHO LIVES WITH US. DOES THAT MEAN I AM GUARANTEED A PLACE?

Siblings are considered before any distance criteria in line with our admission criteria. In the last ten years, all siblings have qualified for an offer of a place (except where there were late applications). However, we cannot ever guarantee a place before all applications have been considered. (See Admissions Policy for definition of brother/sister).

Q: IF I ALREADY HAVE CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL, DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR MY YEAR 6 CHILD?

If you want your child to come to Cheam, you MUST apply in the same way as other applicants. We will not offer you a place if you do not apply.

Q: I LIVE 1.5 KM AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL. DOES THIS MEAN MY CHILD WILL BE OFFERED A PLACE ON DISTANCE CRITERION FROM THE SCHOOL?

We have offered places to children at that distance (and beyond) in the past. We have also had years when we have not gone that far out. It depends on where children applying to the school live.

Q: I AM BEING TOLD THAT I LIVE TOO FAR AWAY TO GET A PLACE? IS THIS TRUE?

We get parents/carers each year who tell us that they have been told this - and then are upset when children in their road get offered a place. It will depend on the distribution of applicants in that year. However, if you live a very long way away, then clearly it would need exceptional circumstances for us to offer a place. We would advise you to make an application to the school if you wish to come. We will not be able to offer you a place if you do not apply.

Q: IF I GET A PLACE AT ANOTHER SCHOOL, DOES THAT MEAN YOU WILL NOT OFFER ME A PLACE IF ONE BECOMES AVAILABLE AT A LATER TIME?

Once offers have been made, you can go onto our waiting list. This then means you can be considered for any future place. The school will continue to use its admission criteria to decide the order on the waiting list.

Q: I LIVE CLOSE TO ANOTHER SCHOOL – BUT WOULD RATHER MY CHILD COME TO CHEAM. IF I PUT YOU FIRST AND DO NOT GET A PLACE, WILL I LOSE OUT ON MY LOCAL SCHOOL THAT I PUT AS LOWER CHOICE?

Schools do not know where you have put them on the application form. They will treat you equally with all other applicants.

Q: MY CHILD HAS A DISABILITY - CAN THEY STILL BE OFFERED A PLACE?

Yes, provided that we can meet their needs. The school has a policy of inclusivity and does not discriminate on the grounds of having a disability.

Q: DO I HAVE TO FILL IN A SUPPLEMENTARY FORM FOR CHEAM?

No. You do not have to fill in a supplementary form for Cheam. We get all the information we need from the Local Authority who processes your application.



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