



Windlesham School
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Transition to Senior School,
September 2027 Entry

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Community schools	Free schools	Academies	Voluntary aided schools
 Hove Park School "Together We Achieve" Blatchington Mill School Involvement, Achievement & Care VARNDEAN SCHOOL DOROTHY STRINGER SCHOOL INDUSTRY AND INTEGRITY	 King's School	 BRIGHTON ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY PACA Portslade Aldridge Community Academy	 CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
• Government funded • Local education authority employs staff and oversees admissions • Follows National Curriculum	• Government funded but not run by the LEA • Run as charities • Freedom over their curriculum	• Government funded, often with sponsorship from business • Run independently of the LEA • Part of a collection of schools	• Government funded • Must follow national curriculum but with specific religious characteristics and selection criteria

Local state schools



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Shoreham
College
FOR GIRLS
AND BOYS
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CONSIDERATION ALWAYS



St Christopher's
Prep, Hove

A BRIGHTON COLLEGE SCHOOL

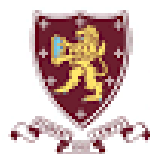


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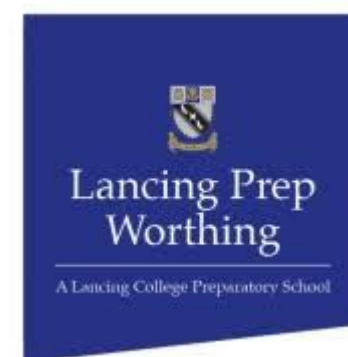
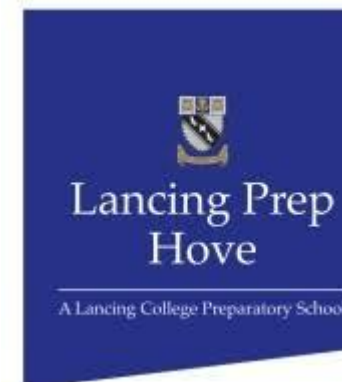
Lancing
College

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SCHOOL



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Local independent schools



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State schools

Help and advice with school applications:

Website: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/apply-school/apply-school-place>

Email: schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Phone: 01273 293 653

Address: School Admissions, Hove Town Hall,
Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ

Admissions Preference Form **deadline: 31st October 2026** to start in September 2027

National Offer Day: **1 March 2027**

Application procedures

Independent schools

- Timelines vary from school to school.
- See our Admissions and Contact Information handout.
- Contact the schools of your choice directly for information.

Independent Schools Council: [Find a school](#)

[Muddy Stilettos](#)

[Good Schools Guide](#)



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*Windlesham is a truly
independent school.*

Windlesham's History of Success

- In 2025, 12 of our Year 6 cohort applied to the independent sector. Windlesham 'fed' 7 different independent schools.
- In 2024, 20 of our Year 6 cohort applied to the independent sector.
- In 2024 & 2025, 100% of families pursuing the independent sector secured an offer of a place for their child at one or more of our local independent schools, usually their first-choice school.
- In 2025, 4 out of 5 pupils who applied for a place at Brighton College were offered a place and all of these pupils were offered scholarships/awards including academic, art and Headmaster's.
- In 2025, 4 out of the 5 pupils who applied for a place at Hurst College were offered a place and 1 scholarship was offered.
- In 2025, 15 offers of awards or scholarships were made to Windlesham pupils from a range of schools including academic scholarships, Head's Awards, Music, Sport and Art scholarships.



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- Your child's:
 - Interests
 - Abilities
 - Talents
 - Personality
 - Character
- Musical opportunities
- Sporting opportunities
- Performing arts
- Learning support needs

Consider *your* child and family context





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What is your family looking for?

- Locality and situation
- Co-ed/single sex
- Academic results
- Ethos and approach
- Room for family commitments
- Size of school
- Fees and finances
- Weekend commitments/length of day
- Faith or non-faith school





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- Music
- Art
- Academic
- Sport
- Drama
- All-rounder
- Bursaries and assisted places are also offered – contact the school directly.



Scholarships are offered
by some independent
schools (usually 1-4%)



First steps

- Realistic expectations!
- Meet the Headteacher and look around - tours, open days
- Consider a combined pathway e.g. Lancing Prep for Y7 and 8 followed by Hurst, Bede's or Lancing College for Y9 and beyond.
- Consider more than one, but not too many...
- Be sensitive in the way that you involve your child in the process
- Familiarise yourself with the schools' entrance requirements - the stress of entrance tests
- Prepare yourself for 'the friendship factor'





Schools use a range of methods to gauge your child's fit with their school:

- Taster days
- Assessments
- Experience days
- References
- Interviews



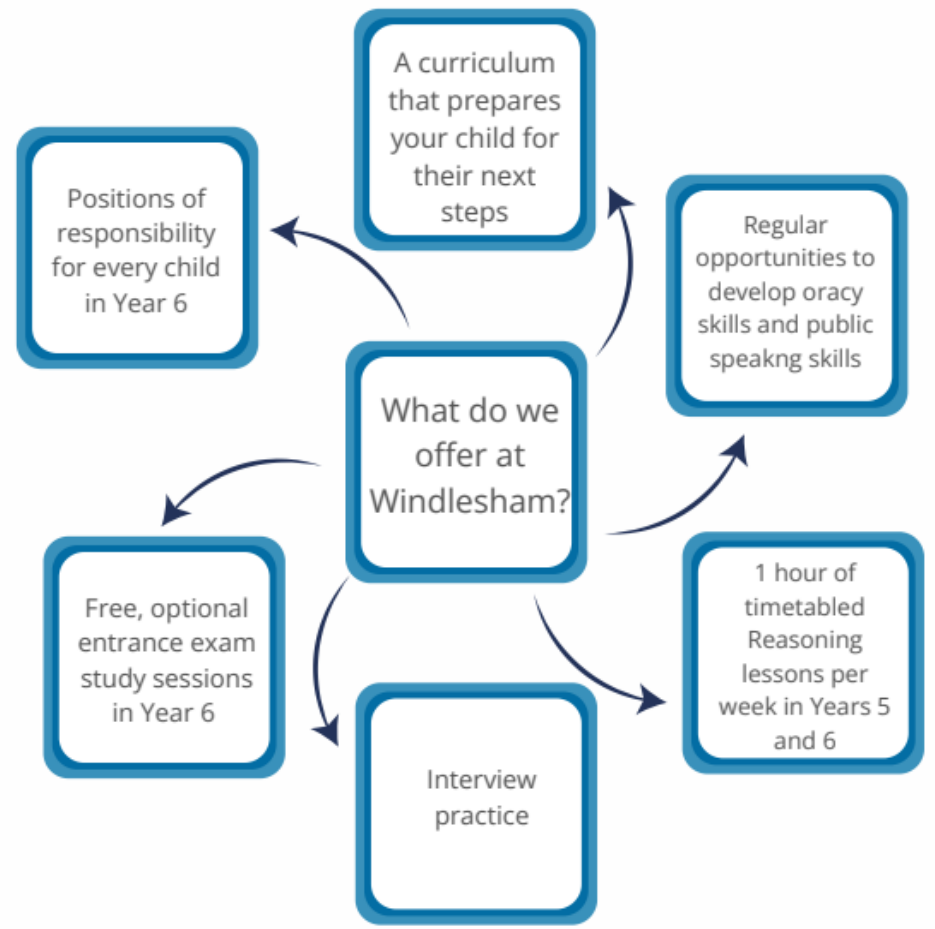
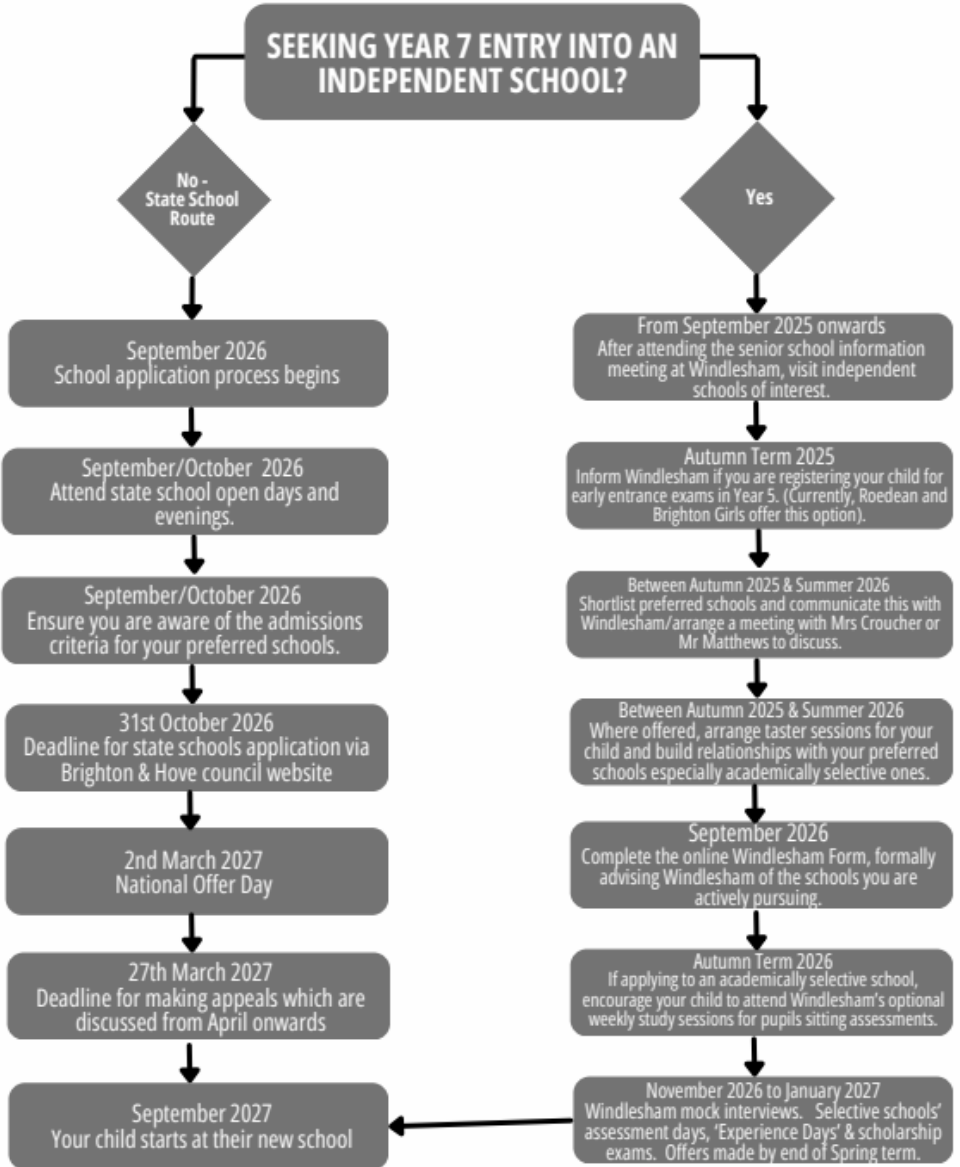


- Year 5 early entrance exams are an option: Roedean, Brighton Girls
- Year 6 entrance exams between November and January
- English, Mathematics, Reasoning (verbal and non-verbal)
- Some Y6 tests (like the ISEB Pre-Test) are online. These are age-standardised to measure ability and attainment.
- Taster days can involve assessment: check the website or contact the school



Confidential Head's report or reference

- Academic progress and attainment
- School reports
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Ability to relate to peers and adults
- Attendance and behaviour
- Attitude and aptitude



Year 7 Entry Process



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What support do we offer?

- Secondary school information handout with contact details and other key facts
- Open invite to meet with Mrs Croucher and/or Mr Matthews to discuss your plans for your child
- Optional study sessions focusing on entrance exams in the Autumn term of Year 6 (3 times a week)
- Extension work available
- 1 hour of Reasoning on the timetable in Year 5 and Year 6
- Interview technique and practice for all pupils in the Autumn term of Year 6
- Communication regarding state school open days at the start of Year 6 as well as useful advice to support you in the process



Final Advice ...

- Refer to the Admissions and Contact Information handout that will be emailed to you alongside a copy of this evening's presentation.
- Start the process early.
- Share your plans with us, no matter how loose they are, in the Spring or Summer term of Year 5. Book an appointment to meet with Mrs Croucher/Mr Matthews to discuss if you wish.