

Transfer to Secondary School (Year 7) – September 2024

The table below lists the number of requests for places for the Year 7 intake at each of the secondary schools/academies and the number of places that have been offered in accordance with the published admissions arrangements. The information will give you an indication of the level of oversubscription, which you may find helpful if we have been unable to offer you a place at your preferred school(s), because your application was not high enough on the list for admission.

School	Type	Published Admissions Number	Requests received	Places Offered	Additional Offers *
Bedford Academy	Academy	224	296	270	
Bedford Free School	Academy	100	219	108	
Biddenham School	Foundation (Trust)	240	315	240	
Castle Newnham School	Foundation	150	202	150	
Daubeney Academy	Academy	120	72	72	9
Goldington Academy	Academy	168	343	187	
Kempston Academy	Academy	180	141	141	12
Lincroft Academy	Academy	210	194	194	1
Mark Rutherford School	Academy	200	216	216	7
Sharnbrook Academy	Academy	270	286	270	
St Thomas More Catholic School	Academy (Catholic)	150	139	139	7
Wixams Academy	Academy	210	189	189	3

Additional Offers

* Where a child living within the administrative area of Bedford Borough Council has been unable to secure a school place through the normal transfer process, and they are not attending a school where they can remain in September, the Local Authority has a duty to nominate the next nearest school with places available.

Appeals

If your application has been unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal against this decision.

You can lodge your appeal for a place at a school in Bedford Borough Council on-line at www.bedford.gov.uk/appeals or you can request a form from the Appeals Clerk, tel 01234 228905. Please read the Appeals Guidance before submitting your appeal.

If you have been unsuccessful in gaining a place at a school in another local authority and you wish to appeal, you should contact the relevant council for more information.

Waiting Lists

If your child has not been offered a place at your preferred school(s), they will be placed on the waiting list which has been prioritised in accordance with the admissions criteria for individual schools. If a place becomes available the relevant local authority will contact you,

even if you have accepted a place at an alternative school/academy. The waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the Autumn term 2024 (31 December 2024). If you wish to remain on the waiting list beyond that time, you will need to contact the School Admissions Service of the relevant local authority.

Schools with vacancies

The following schools/academies currently have a limited number of places available:

Daubeney Academy
Kempston Academy
Lincroft Academy
St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School
Wixams Academy

If you would like to request a place at any of the schools listed, you should email the School Admissions Service by 15 March 2024 admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Admission of younger siblings

If we have offered your child a place you should be aware that this will not guarantee a place at this school to any younger siblings in future years, particularly if the school is oversubscribed.