

Transfer to Secondary School (Year 7) – September 2026

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 on **National Offer Day, 2nd March 2026**. 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.

'Schools with vacancies' updated during late allocation round from 20th April 2026

School	Type	Published Admissions Number	Requests received	Places Offered	Additional Offers *	Last place offered, criteria and distance
Bedford Academy	A	300	324	300		Catchment, 3777.25m
Bedford Free School	A	100	178	110		Any other, 965.66m
Biddenham School	FT	240	292	260		Catchment, 2888.28m
Castle Newnham School	A	150	156	150		Any other, 4378.35m
Daubeney Academy	A	120	110	110	5	All offered
Goldington Academy	A	168	291	186		Any other, 1202.29m
Kempston Academy	A	180	119	119	3	All offered
Lincroft Academy	A	210	178	178		All offered
Mark Rutherford School	A	200	194	194		All offered
Sharnbrook Academy	A	270	251	251		All offered
St Thomas More Catholic School	A	150	109	109	1	All offered
Wixams Academy	A	210	166	166	3	All offered
Wootton Upper School	A	150	204	204		All offered

A – Academy

FT – Foundation trust

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 2026 (31 December 2026). 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:

Castle Newnham School
Daubeney Academy
Kempston Academy
Lincroft Academy
Mark Rutherford School
Sharnbrook 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 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.