



# Hamstel Junior School

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## Transition to Secondary Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the information shared last term (this information can still be found on the [Transition area](#) of our website), this letter outlines the next stage of the process in finding the right secondary school for your child.

### **Applications for Secondary Schools**

The admissions round for transfer to year 7 opened on 1st September. The closing date for the completed form to be received by *The Schools' Admission Team* (either online or as a paper copy) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Please remember that **everyone has to complete this form**, regardless of which school you would like your child to go to. Please note, applications are not taken on a first come, first served basis; it makes no difference if you apply on the first or last day. You can also change your choices up until the deadline. Full details and copies of everything published by Southend Council are available on their [website](#).

### **11+ Test**

The 11+ (selection test) will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you have registered your child for the 11+, CSSE will send you all the details you need for your child to take the test, including the date, time and how to register.

As part of our familiarisation programme, we are offering **the children who are taking the test** an opportunity to sit a 'mock' test on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September under similar conditions to the one they will experience. Please note that papers will not be marked or returned to parents but we will spend a couple of sessions going through parts of the papers to help build the children's confidence ahead of the test. This is primarily meant for children who are taking the test and **haven't** had the opportunity to sit a mock test.

**If your child is taking the test** and you would like them to take part in the mock test, please complete the [online form](#) by 4pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This online form **must** be completed if you would like your child to take part.

The results of the 11+ will come out on 16<sup>th</sup> October which is before the closing date for school applications.

### **Choosing A Secondary School**

We strongly encourage you to visit schools to help inform your decision about which school you would like your child to attend. As well as open evenings for you to visit, some schools have dedicated areas on their websites where you can attend virtual open evenings. Please check individual school's websites for the latest information.

As before, if you have any questions or need support completing the forms, please do not hesitate to ring the school office and I will return your call.

Yours sincerely

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