

**LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES**  
**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 4 DECEMBER 2012

**REPORT OF:** HEAD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONING

**SUBJECT:** SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**SUMMARY**

1. This report provides an update to the report that the Committee considered at its 24 July 2012 meeting.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT GOING TO ADMISSIONS FORUM**

2. This report is to inform members of the Committee of the final outcomes of the secondary admissions round for 2012/2013 entry and of the initial secondary application data for the 2013/2014 round.

**RECOMMENDATION**

3. Members of the Committee are requested to note the information detailed in the report.

**DETAILS**

**The 2012/2013 admissions round**

4. On National Offer Day, 1 March, 62.8% of borough-resident applicants received a first preference offer (compared with 61.6% in 2011), and 85.7% received an offer at one of their first three preferences (compared with 83.8% in 2011).
5. The number of borough-resident applicants being offered *none* of their preferences on National Offer Day was the lowest since the pan-London secondary admissions scheme began in 2005. All children in that situation were offered an alternative place at a school well within a reasonable distance of their home:

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
154	148	157	180	199	219	155	142

6. The starter numbers in Year 7 in the eight secondary schools within the borough were broadly similar to the forecast numbers that the Committee considered last autumn:

School	Published number	Forecast number	Actual number
Christ's	120	120	120
Grey Court	240	240	232
Hampton Academy	210	190	188
Orleans Park	200	200	200
Richmond Park Academy	220	120	115
Teddington	240	240	240
Twickenham Academy	180	135	138
Waldegrave	200	200	200
Total	1,610	1,445	1,433

Crucially, the two schools – Richmond Park Academy and Twickenham Academy – with the largest amounts of spare capacity recruited very similar numbers to the forecasts.

## 7. Overall applications for 2013/2014

As can be seen, the total number of applications from Richmond Borough residents is the lowest for five years:

Year	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Online	312	587	683	921	1305	1411	1371
Total	1327	1402	1510	1553	1519	1537	1458
% Online	23.5	41.9	45.2	59.3	85.9	91.8	94.0

For 2013/2014 entry, the percentage of Richmond upon Thames residents who chose to apply online, rather than using a paper form, was 94.0% (compared with 91.8% in 2012), the highest in London. The online take-up has risen with every consecutive year that the online portal has been available.

- The by-preference application data for the eight existing secondary schools and the new school – St Richard Reynolds Catholic High – that will open in September 2013 are appended to this report. As can be seen, the number of applications for Twickenham Academy has risen, but the number for Richmond Park Academy has reduced.

## 9. Developments in neighbouring local authority areas

Year 7 capacity in our neighbouring local authorities has increased and/or will be increasing, as follows:

**Hammersmith and Fulham:** Hammersmith Academy and West London Free School admitted their first and second Year 7 intakes respectively in September 2012. Fulham Boys' School, a four-form entry Church of England secondary free school will open in September 2013.

**Hounslow:** Cranford Community College, Gumley House, Heston and Lampton will between them be offering almost 90 additional places in September 2013. Nishkam School – a Sikh free school – will admit its first Year 7 intake of 100 pupils in September 2014. Hounslow Manor School is due to become an academy sponsored by the London Academies Enterprise Trust on 1 April 2013.

**Kingston:** Richard Challoner Catholic Boys' School and Tiffin Girls' School have expanded by half a form of entry and a whole form of entry from September 2012 onwards. Two secondary free school proposals will be submitted to the DfE by the closing date of 4 January 2013 for a September 2014 opening: Kingston Educational Trust (reconfigured to replace the participation of the Council as a contributory partner with that of Education Kingston) is proposing a six-form entry co-educational, non-faith secondary school at the North Kingston Centre site; and the Kingston Church Schools Foundation, backed by the Woodard Foundation, is proposing a five-form entry co-educational school, also in north Kingston.

**Wandsworth:** Bolingbroke Academy, an ARK-run free school admitted its first Year 7 intake of 120 pupils in September 2012, when ARK also opened ARK Academy Putney, to replace Elliott School. Both developments are likely to lead to fewer Wandsworth children being admitted to Richmond Park Academy.

## **BACKGROUND PAPER**

10. [Report to Education and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 21 November 2011.](#)

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Secondary schools application data 2011/2012								
School	PAN	1st pref.	2nd pref.	3rd pref.	4th pref.	5th pref.	6th pref.	Total
Christ's	120	114	144	124	84	50	31	547
Grey Court	240	160	142	116	110	77	41	646
Hampton Academy	210	106	84	66	27	23	30	336
Orleans Park	200	222	255	243	120	53	42	935
Richmond Park Academy	220	42	52	51	40	36	34	255
Teddington	240	278	297	214	107	81	45	1022
Twickenham Academy	180	63	50	80	50	37	30	310
Waldegrave	200	327	275	111	62	36	28	839
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4890</b>

Secondary schools application data 2012/2013								
School	PAN	1st pref.	2nd pref.	3rd pref.	4th pref.	5th pref.	6th pref.	Total
Christ's	120	110	147	99	83	44	29	512
Grey Court	240	167	151	114	104	47	41	624
Hampton Academy	210	118	80	62	33	29	24	346
Orleans Park	200	227	238	232	140	52	42	931
Richmond Park Academy	220	73	39	47	60	49	35	303
Teddington	240	321	281	188	108	75	27	1000
Twickenham Academy	180	72	81	73	33	38	35	332
Waldegrave	200	309	250	119	44	36	21	779
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>4827</b>

Secondary schools application data 2013/2014								
School	PAN	1st pref.	2nd pref.	3rd pref.	4th pref.	5th pref.	6th pref.	Total
Christ's	150	132	128	118	84	53	34	549
Grey Court	200	211	150	140	91	69	44	705
Hampton Academy	180	117	64	69	49	29	19	347
Orleans Park	200	276	284	229	134	83	43	1049
Richmond Park Academy	220	59	52	66	42	37	33	289
St Richard Reynolds	150	67	99	89	58	33	27	373
Teddington	240	295	337	224	113	77	49	1095
Twickenham Academy	180	92	75	78	53	37	20	355
Waldegrave	200	285	227	115	63	37	23	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>5512</b>

## **NOTES**

1. Christ's is expanding from four- to five-form entry from September 2013.
2. The published admission numbers of Grey Court and Hampton Academy will reduce to 200 and 180 respectively from September 2013.