

Important Dates – Secondary School Admissions 2024-25



2 September 2024	Online system opens for you to apply online .
Sept / Oct 2024	Open events at schools. Find individual school details in the schools directory .
31 October 2024	Deadline to apply for a school place.
2 December 2024	Last date to submit a written explanation giving reasons why your application was late, for your application to be agreed as 'on time'. If you move house, this is the last date for you to provide evidence of your new address and for it to be considered 'on time' in the allocation process.
30 January 2025	Applications received after this date will not be offered a school place until the week of 28 April - 2 May 2025.
3 March 2025	National allocation day We will email you the school you've been allocated, if you applied online and confirmed your email address. The online allocation system will be updated with allocations and be made available only after allocation emails have been sent. Notification letters will be posted first class only to parents or carers who applied on paper. If you applied online, you can use online facilities including opting out, making a new application and submitting an appeal.
3 – 17 March 2025	Continuing interest lists are created. Applicants that didn't get any higher preference schools will automatically go on the list for those schools. Parents or carers should confirm this with schools responsible for their own admissions.
3 – 10 March 2025	Continuing interest applications open. You can add new preferences for some Hertfordshire schools for the first continuing interest run. Information will be available online from 3 March 2025.
17 March 2025	Last date to accept the place offered. Online applicants should accept the place online. Paper applicants should return their response form to the Admissions and Transport Team.
24 – 28 March 2025	First continuing interest run. We'll contact you with an offer of a new school place, if you're successful.
31 March 2025 (4pm)	Last date to register an appeal.
31 March – 11 April 2025	Continuing interest applications open again. You can add new school preferences for all schools for the second run of continuing interest.
11 April 2025	Last date to register a change of preferences or for new applications to be added for the second continuing interest run.
28 – 2 May 2025	Second (and final) continuing interest run. We'll contact you with an offer of a new school place, if you're successful at the second continuing interest run.
2 May – 18 June 2025	School place appeals take place during this period (excluding 5 May and 26 - 30 May 2025).
May – July 2025	If school vacancies occur, places will be filled from remaining continuing interest lists.
23 June 2025	Continuing interest lists (waiting lists) for Year 9 (upper school) and Year 10 (studio school or university technical college) close on 19 June 2025. To retain your continuing interest for a Hertfordshire upper or studio school or UTC, you will need to make an in year application from 23 June 2025.
23 July 2025	Continuing interest lists for Year 7 (secondary school) close on 23 July 2025. To retain your continuing interest for a Hertfordshire secondary school you will need to make an in year application from 24 July 2025.