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Dear Parents/ Carers

The Camden booklets to support making preferences for transfer to secondary schools will be arriving soon. I know that is an anxious time for many parents as you are faced with a lot of information to digest. We will be having a meeting for parents about making those decisions with advice about the best way to make your preferences count on

Our annual Meet the Parents event

Wednesday 11th September

At 3.45pm in the Middle Hall

Camden Moving on Event 2019

Thursday 19th September

4-6.30pm at Swiss Cottage Library

Applying for Secondary School Meeting

Tuesday 24th September

At 3.45pm in Year 6

Please be aware that the deadline for registering for the Camden School for Girls additional test is noon 17th September. If you are considering this school as one of your preferences, you must register with **Camden School For Girls** online by this time

The meeting at school is particularly for those parents for whom this is the first time making these decisions but might well be useful if it is a couple of years since you last went through the process.

The main thrust of my advice is based on the areas that have caused difficulties in previous years for example:

- When filling in the online forms please make sure that if you are a Camden resident you fill in the Camden form and if you are an Islington resident you fill in an Islington form. This does NOT change the fact that you can still put down an Islington school on a Camden form or vice versa.
- You can find information on Islington Schools at <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-secondary-school-place>



Camden Children Schools & Families

Or Islington Council School Admissions and follow the link

- You can download the Camden booklet at <https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/876898/Secondary+schools+in+Camden+2020+-+admissions+guide.pdf/5f72a3fd-b205-bbdc-83ee-2ba67a811ae0> or <https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions> and follow the link.
- It is also very advisable to look carefully at the open mornings and evenings so that you can visit the schools you are interested in and make a more informed decision. The information for this has already been sent out.
- Please be very aware of last year's distances that were the boundary beyond which children were not admitted to various schools. Do not waste your preference by writing down a school that is so far away that you would not be considered.
- Please make use of the 6 spaces, it does not advance your case at all by just writing down one preference.

The final deadline for the forms to be submitted is **31st October 2019** and this is also the deadline for changes to preferences. Please do not leave it to the last day as this is when the site can become overloaded.

The first open morning is **Wednesday 11th September** so please look carefully at the Open Events letter attached as they continue from then.

The **Moving On Event 2019** is on **19th September**.

There is also the our annual ***Meet the Parents*** event will be on **Wednesday 11th September** at **3.45 pm**. Families from the local state secondaries will be here to give you the most up-to-date information about their school experience. Parents from all year groups are welcome at this invaluable event, where you can ask any questions you want and also talk privately to panellists afterwards. We will have representation from Acland Burghley, Maria Fidelis, Holloway and Regent High schools. To find out more, go to www.meettheparents.info

I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and answering as many of your questions as possible.

I will be putting the PowerPoint presentation of the points I make at the meeting on the school website.

Yours

Tiggy Mitchell
Deputy Headteacher