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Dear Parents / Carers

Secondary School Application

Despite it only being the first whole week of term, it is that time of year when Year 6 parents need to be thinking about applying for secondary school. I thought it would be helpful to share with you key dates in the application process and information about open evenings.

All applications are completed online and all of the information I am sharing with you is available on the Essex school admissions page which you can find here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> as is the application form. On each school's website they have details of the open evenings and admissions policy for entry into Year 7 in September 2022. It is worth looking at these in detail.

Key Dates:

10th September 2021 – Applications open. Complete the online admissions form on the Essex website.

31st October 2021 – Closing date for applications.

1st March 2022 – National offer day when you will find out your allocated school.

Brentwood has a large selection of great secondary schools and every year Larchwood children go to a variety of them. It is really important that you find the school that best suits your child and family so it worth investing time researching them and visiting the schools if you can. Each school has an open day when you can visit and I have listed these dates below in date order.

It is worth noting that St Martin's have their open day next Thursday. Although St Martin's is probably the furthest secondary school from Larchwood of the local ones, we are a named school in their admissions criteria and they are part of the same academy trust as us. So, if this is your preferred school your child is more likely to get a place there.

Open Days:

St Martin's – Thursday 16th September – no appointment needed. www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Becket Keys – provisionally Thursday 23rd September. www.becketkeys.org

Brentwood County High School – Wednesday 29th September – book slots via website. www.bchs.essex.sch.uk

Brentwood Ursuline (girls only) – Thursday 30th September. www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

Shenfield High School – Thursday 7th October – book slots via website. www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk

If you have any questions about the secondary school application process, please contact myself or the office.

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Headteacher

