

# Transferring to Secondary School

Guidance for Parents & Carers

# Pan-London Co-ordination

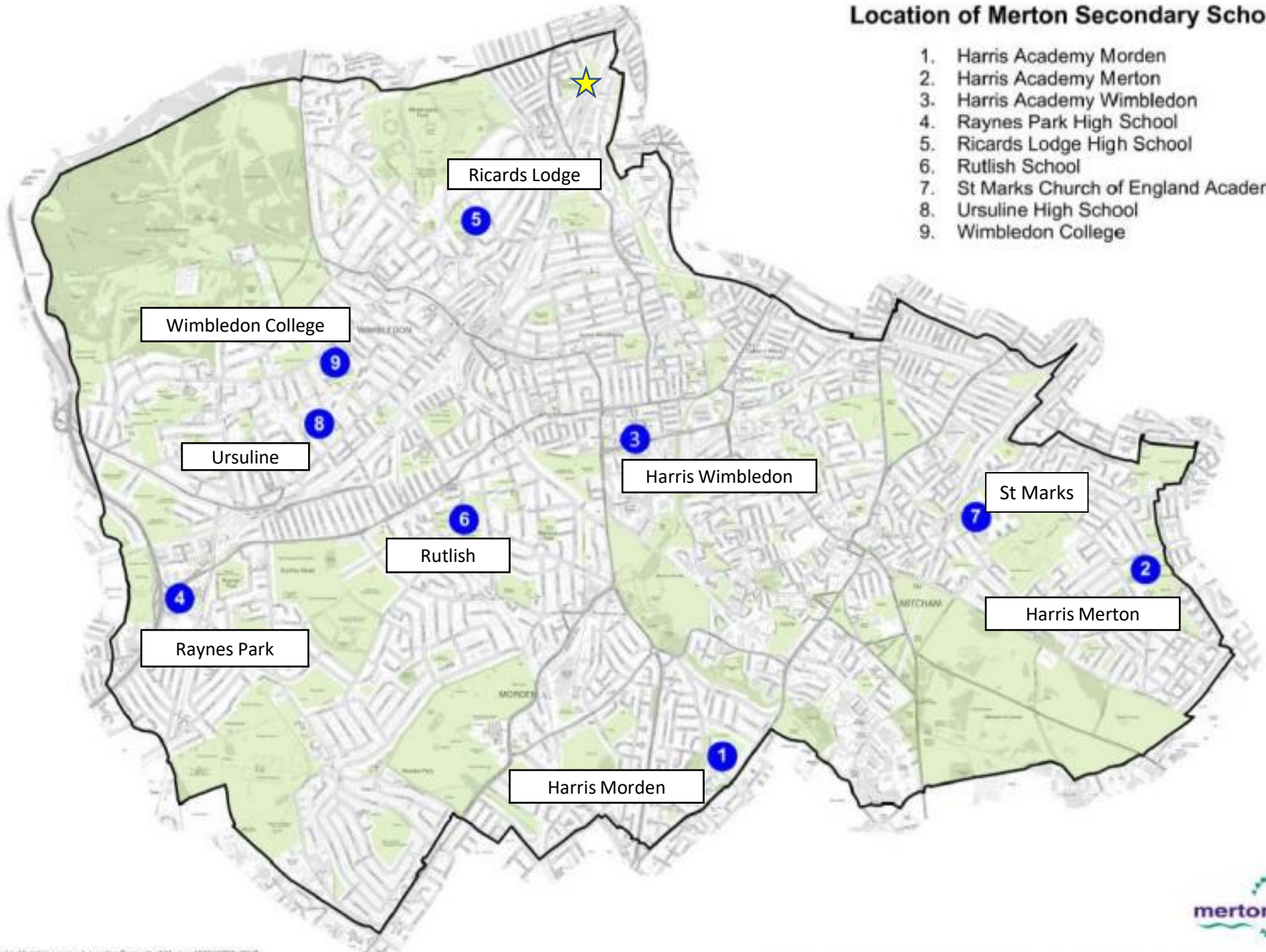
- All London boroughs and some of the surrounding boroughs participate
- Around 90,000 children applying across London; over 20,000 apply to schools outside their own borough
- Parents receive no more than one offer on 1 March

# The strong performance of Merton secondary schools

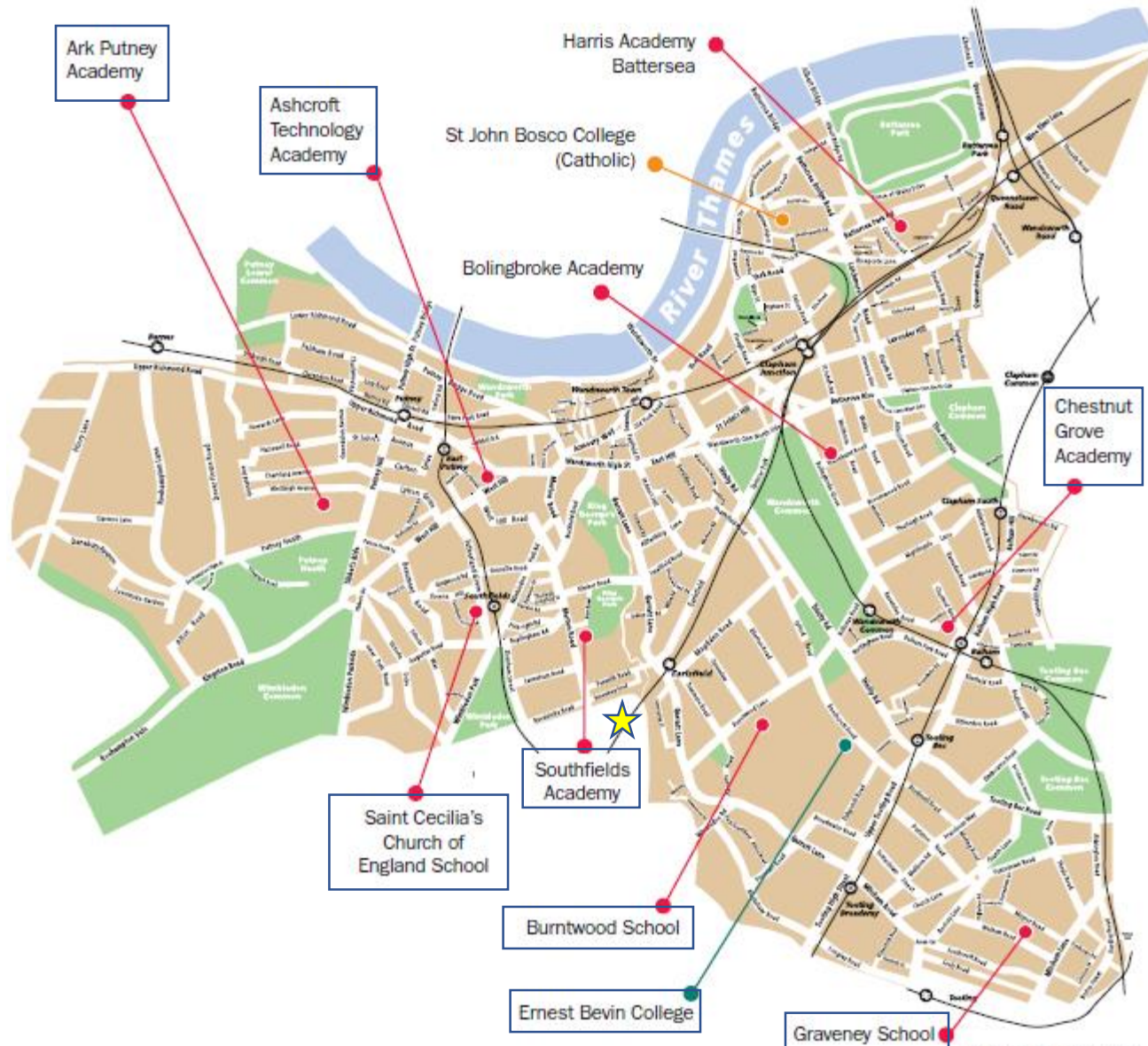
- The average Progress 8 score for Merton schools makes them the best in the country.
- Attainment is well above national averages.
- All Merton secondary schools are judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted.

## Location of Merton Secondary Schools

1. Harris Academy Morden
2. Harris Academy Merton
3. Harris Academy Wimbledon
4. Raynes Park High School
5. Ricards Lodge High School
6. Rutlish School
7. St Marks Church of England Academy
8. Ursuline High School
9. Wimbledon College



# Wandsworth School Map



# Making Applications

- Obtain school prospectuses, visit school websites and go to open evenings
- Consider your likely chances of success
- Use all 6 preferences – include Merton schools and any out-borough schools on the same application
- Apply online
- Don't use false addresses!

# Deadlines

- 31 October is a national closing date
- Changes of address can be considered up to 11 December
- Deadlines for supplementary forms or test registrations may be different – check with the schools you are applying for

# Wandsworth Test

- The Wandsworth Test must be taken if you are considering applying for a place at Ashcroft Technology Academy or Chestnut Grove Academy or a selective (ability) place at Burntwood School, Ernest Bevin College or Graveney School
- Check the following website for the deadline for applying for this:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-year-6-test/>



# How the Offer Process Works

- Schools do not know your preference order
- Applications are ranked solely according to the admissions criteria for the school
- If you are eligible for more than one school, the higher preference of these will be offered
- Those who are not eligible for any of their preferences will receive an alternative offer

# After Offer Day

- If you don't get your first preference school, don't panic
- Read the outcome text fully
- Don't reject an offer without an alternative school place secured
- Remain on waiting lists
- Appeal for preferred schools

# 2022 Destinations

St Cecilians	12%
Ricards Lodge	23%
Ashcroft	10%
Burntwood	0%
Rutlish	3%
Other Merton	11%
Other Wandsworth	2%
Other state schools	14%
Grammar school	3%
Independent	22%

# Frequently Asked Questions

- Is it hard for a non faith boy to secure a school?
- Do I put grammar schools and independent schools on the same form?
- What if I'm not in the catchment area?
- Do I need to take the Wandsworth Test if I'm not considering those schools?
- What's the difference between selective and non-selective places at state schools?
- How does the Rutlish/Ricards sibling policy work?

# Help & Support

- Information about the admissions process is available from your home authority website. For Merton this can be found at [www.merton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.merton.gov.uk/admissions)
- Detailed enquiries which cannot be answered from the website information may be made to Merton on 020 8274 4906 or [admissions@merton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@merton.gov.uk)