



the detail

2026/27



ELTHAM COLLEGE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School

Eltham College is a vibrant, friendly community where everything is geared around the needs of the individual child. The essence of the education we provide is centred on academic excellence, a broad co-curriculum and exceptional pastoral care.

Our philosophy, aims and practice

We are committed to academic excellence and place a strong emphasis on integrity, equality, compassion and helping others. By encouraging these values we empower our students to understand their place in the world and make the right choices as they grow and develop.

Challenge

The curriculum is designed to be challenging. In Maths our students acquire mastery of key concepts, through modelled instruction and deliberate practice, giving them the knowledge and skills to solve the most difficult problems. All our students tackle modern foreign languages, including French and Mandarin, and in English, they explore both classic and contemporary texts. Across the curriculum teachers are always looking for ways to challenge and stretch the students.

Expectations

Our students are set high standards, both in terms of the nature and pace of their work, and in their own individual performance. Higher expectations invite higher aspirations, and inspire our students to excel.

Nurturing a love of learning

We want academic enquiry to be fun and stimulating, and to sow the seeds of a lifelong love of learning. We encourage students to become increasingly independent learners, emphasising the role of hard work, perseverance, adaptability and co-operation at the heart of this process.

Leadership

The Junior School is led by the Head, Rachel Thompson, who reports to the Headmaster, Guy Sanderson. She is supported by the Junior School leadership team as well as highly qualified, engaged and committed teachers who are well equipped to deliver both the academic curriculum in the classroom and a wide range of activities outside of it.



Joining

Step-by-step guide to joining Eltham College Junior School. 7+ entry is for students who have had their seventh birthday by 1 September of the year they wish to join the College.



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1 Complete the online registration form

All prospective candidates must complete the relevant online registration form www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7, include all the requested supporting documentation*, and pay a non-refundable application fee of £234 (incl VAT). Once we have accepted your registration we will contact all prospective candidates with arrangements for the assessment day**.

* Supporting documentation required – a copy of your son/daughter's birth certificate, a copy of your son/daughter's passport, visa (if applicable), and a copy of your son/daughter's most recent educational psychologist's report (if applicable) or send school support plan.

** Acceptance of registration does not constitute an offer of a place.

2 Come to a taster event

Prior to the assessment days, we invite all students registered for Year 3 entry the following September to attend a taster event. This gives everyone an opportunity to get to know the Junior School, take part in a range of activities including art, music and games, and meet staff and students. Attendance at a taster event is voluntary, but is a great way for children to get a feel for life at the Junior School.

3 Attend an assessment

At 7+ candidates are assessed in English, Maths and reading. You can find more information about 7+ entry requirements on our website at www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-7

For 7+ assessments, we invite students in groups of around ten over a one week period. The assessment session normally lasts for two and a half hours.

The session is designed to test a child's numerical, language and reading skills to ensure they will cope well with the pace and level of the curriculum as well as the Junior School's busy co-curricular programme. When we're making our final decision, we will also take into account a child's behaviour during the assessment.

All children are assessed by members of the Junior School leadership team.

4 We make our decision

Ms Thompson's decision is final. It will be one of the following:

- > Your child has done well enough to be offered a place.
- > Your child met the required standard but we do not have sufficient capacity to offer them a place at this time. They have been added to a very short waiting list.
- > Your child is below the standard required for entry to the Junior School. They are welcome to reapply at another entry point.

If successful at the assessment day, we will offer your child a place to study at Eltham College.

5 When you accept a place for your child

When you accept a place, we ask you to pay a deposit and sign a contract which outlines the standard terms and conditions under which your child is accepted as a student at Eltham College. Our offer is also subject to satisfactory references from your child's current school.

The Junior School is the first part of the journey at Eltham College. Students from Year 6 transition seamlessly into the Senior School, without the need to take the entrance exam.

Key dates

All prospective students are encouraged to come and visit us before registering to sit an entrance examination. Below are all the key dates for 2027 entry.

2026

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19/09

Open Events

16/11

7+ Registration
Deadline

2027

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9/01

7+ Taster Event

**11/01
to
14/01**

7+ Entrance Exams

22/01

7+ Offers Sent

12/02

7+ Acceptance
Deadline

Find Eltham College
term dates online at
eltham-college.org.uk/term-dates



Our curriculum

The Form Tutor takes most classes in core curriculum subjects, while specialist teachers will teach other subjects. The use of specialist teachers increases as children approach transfer at 11+.

The curriculum at Eltham College Junior School is broad, interesting and challenging. Our students learn quickly and effectively, developing not only their knowledge but also the necessary skills in putting that knowledge to use.

The curriculum is designed to stretch and challenge. Our increased focus on learning is designed to produce students who are equipped for secondary school and for the life of study and work beyond.

Our highly trained Form Tutors teach the core curriculum, but use their specialist strengths to teach other subjects throughout the school. We use specialist teachers and dedicated rooms for Art and Design, Science, Music, Drama and Languages which means our students always have the best resources for learning.

All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have a personal issue Apple iPad Air 11 and Stylus provided under lease as part of our Digital Strategy.

All our students have access to Microsoft Surface tablets which they use during their Computing lessons and across the wider curriculum. From designing code in 'Scratch' to researching a History project, technology is a part of their everyday lives.

Our bespoke Music and Drama curriculum offers boundless opportunities for our students to embrace their creativity within the disciplines of these two essential performing arts. Students encounter a diverse range of musical and dramatic styles and techniques, meaning there really is something for everyone at Eltham College Junior School.

The Junior School curriculum comprises English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Religious Studies, French, Mandarin, Music, Drama, Art, Design Technology, Computing, Wellbeing, Physical Education, Swimming and Games.



07.30 > 08.30 > 08.40 > 09.00 > 09.40 > 10.20

Before School Club is available

Registration in Form Room with Form Tutors

Assembly in the Junior School hall 3 days a week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) or Form Period with Form Tutors

Period 1

Period 2

Break time. Students are free to eat healthy snacks and play on the fields or apparatus

10.40 > 11.20 > 12.00 > 13.15 > 14.00 > 14.40 >

Period 3

Period 4

Lunch. All students are escorted to the Senior School for lunch in King George's Hall. Afterwards, they return to the Junior School to play on the fields, attend one of the many lunchtime clubs on offer or visit the library.

Afternoon registration and Period 5

Periods 6a and 6b

Period 7

15.20 > 15.40 > 16.00 > 16.00–18.00

Form Time. Meeting form tutors at both the beginning and end of the day ensures a high level of wraparound pastoral care.

School ends. Students taking the coach go directly to the coach stop, with Year 3 students registered and accompanied by an adult. Parents collecting their child meet them on the playground. Students waiting for Co-curricular Clubs or After School Club are supervised on the playground by a member of the senior leadership team until 16.00.

Co-curricular clubs start

Our After School Care runs for two hours every day. Any child who has not been collected from the playground by 16.00 will go to After School Care.

In a day

A typical day for a Year 3 student

At Eltham College we place great emphasis on respecting, trusting and caring for each other. Our students enjoy spending time in each other's company and thrive on the energy and enthusiasm that they generate together.

Students are happy, confident and open to new experiences. This zest for life and learning springs from an inner confidence generated by feeling valued and supported. We take great care to get to know each student as an individual, so we can encourage them, nurture their strengths and help them develop their own path. We make sure that students know we are beside them for every step of their journey through school.

In order for your child to feel safe, happy and supported at school, we have a comprehensive pastoral care programme that combines specialist oversight with personal attention. Form Tutors are central to our pastoral care. They know children and their families extremely well, and are practised at spotting potential issues early and finding the right solution.

This ensures that children feel safe and secure, and are able to make the most of all the academic and co-curricular opportunities that are open to them.

Transition from the Junior to Senior School

Throughout their time at Eltham College Junior School, we carefully monitor your child's progress, getting to know their skills and talents, the standard of their work, their attitude to study, their assessment results and their contribution to school life and the wider community.

As a result, we are able to give your child the support they need so they can learn well and be thoroughly prepared for the Senior School.

At the end of Year 6, students transfer smoothly into Eltham College Senior School without needing to take an entrance exam. Without the pressure of cramming for an exam, Year 6 is an exciting time for our students. Your child will take part in a transition programme of academic, sporting and cultural activities that will help them prepare for every aspect of Senior School life. This can include collaborating on Senior School projects, taking part in lessons in the Senior School and being taught by Senior School teachers.

After this, they're ready to embrace the next chapter of their learning journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

Student support and transition



Results

Junior School students transfer without further assessment to the Senior School, where each year students achieve outstanding results at GCSE and A Level.



GCSE
Results
2025

45%
Grade 9

88%
Grade 9/8/7

New GCSEs: 9/8/7 = A*-A equivalent

A Level
Results
2025

68%
A*-A

92%
A*-B

93%

Geography
9/8/7 (GCSE)

95%

Physics
9/8/7 (GCSE)

100%

Art, Latin and Mandarin
9/8/7 (GCSE)

96%

French
9/8/7 (GCSE)

University Destinations

Leading Russell Group universities including Oxbridge, plus specialist arts colleges, music conservatoires and overseas universities.

Top Degree Courses

Architecture, Drama, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Medicine, Natural Sciences, Politics, Psychology

Summer 2025

Fees 2026/27

All fees and sundry charges are payable by Direct Debit with payment falling due on the first day of each term; in September, January and April. Alternatively, parents can opt to pay tuition fees and sundries in monthly repayments through School Fee Plan. The level of fees is reviewed each year in March.

£2,500

Commitment payment is payable when you accept a place at Eltham College Junior School

Term Fees

Fees are effective from September 2026 and are inclusive of VAT >>

£8,540

Junior School fees per term comprising:

£7,008

Core fees

£1,402

20% VAT paid to Government

£130

Books etc

Extras

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£7.56 Isle of Dogs

£6.86 All other routes

Single fare for School Coach per day

£2,511.22 Isle of Dogs

£2,276.66 All other routes

Return journey for School Coach per term

£435

Lunch per term

£26.80

Per lesson for a 30 minute individual music lesson

£26.80

LAMDA Solo per lesson

£20.30

LAMDA Duo per lesson

£14.30

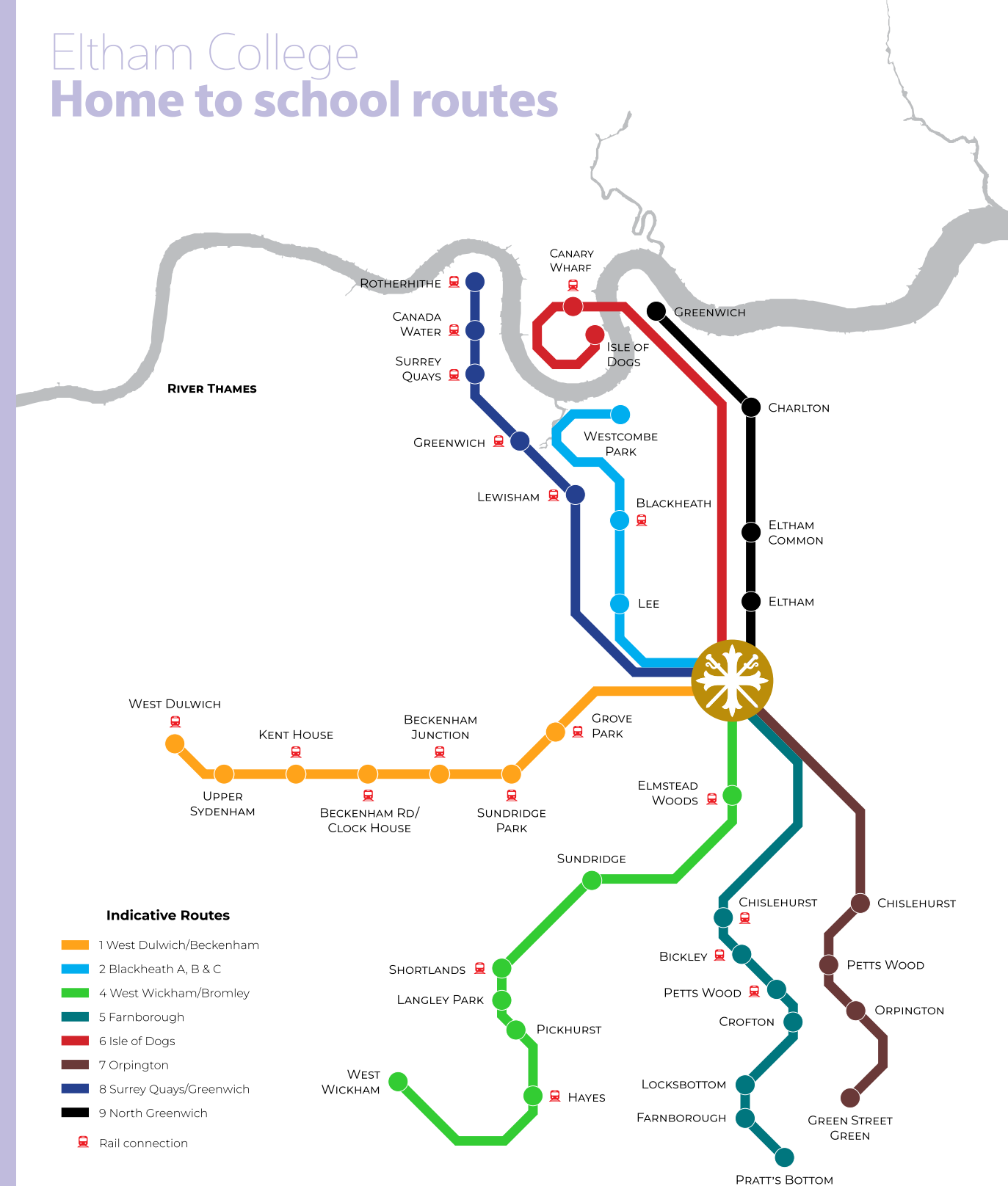
LAMDA Group per lesson

Find Eltham College fees online at eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/fees

We offer a comprehensive school coach service, including a late service for most passengers. Coaches arrive at school between 08.10–08.20 approximately and return journeys start at 16.05 from the College. The transport map is indicative of the coach routes supplied by Eltham College, which may be varied due to the location of the students using it. For detailed information about school coach pick up times please see www.eltham-college.org.uk/parent-portal/transport-services

Transport

Eltham College Home to school routes



This map is intended as a guide only and does not include every stop. For exact stop information, please view the timetables.

 **“London Independent Secondary School
of the Year 2024”** *The Sunday Times*

If you have any questions about
the Junior School or the application
process, please contact:

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