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2026/27



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The Senior School

Eltham College Senior School offers students an outstanding opportunity to shine both inside and outside the classroom. 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 promoting these values, we empower our students to understand their place in the world and make the right choices for their future.

Challenge

Our academic curriculum is both broad and challenging, inspiring our students to stretch themselves. Throughout their time at the Senior School, we encourage students to take risks and develop their resilience and leadership skills by participating in our extensive programme of co-curricular activities.

Personalised learning

In Years 7 and 8, students are not limited to combined humanities or science, but can try various subjects before selecting those they enjoy most for GCSE. At GCSE, we guide students to choose at least one language, one humanity, plus two additional subjects of their preference alongside our core compulsory subjects.

Expectations

We set our students high standards, both in terms of the nature and pace of work in general and their own individual performance. In parallel, we offer the support they need to ensure they are able to do their very best and meet these standards.

Leadership

The Senior School is led by the Headmaster, Guy Sanderson, supported by a team of 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 the Senior School. The main entry point for entry to Eltham College is at 11+.

(See separate booklet for entry to Sixth Form)

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Application Process

All prospective candidates must complete the relevant online registration form at www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/entry-at-11/, include all the requested supporting documentation*, and pay a non-refundable application fee of £234 (incl VAT)**.

Once we have accepted your registration and the registration deadline has passed, we will contact all prospective candidates with details of the assessment day.

* Supporting documentation required - a copy of your son/daughter's birth certificate, passport, last two school reports (if applicable), and a copy of your son/daughter's most recent educational psychologist's report (if applicable).

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

11+ entry

Both girls and boys can apply for entry at 11+. All external candidates at 11+ sit an entrance examination that involves taking papers in English and Mathematics as well as a computer-based verbal and non-verbal reasoning assessment. They will also be interviewed by a senior member of staff.

You can download sample English and Mathematics papers from the College website at www.eltham-college.org.uk/admissions/sample-papers

All candidates are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship depending on their performance in the entrance examination. There are further assessments for candidates who pass the academic threshold and wish to be considered for a Music, Sport, Chess, Drama or Art Scholarship.

In the early part of Lent term, once 11+ offers have been made, candidates may be invited to attend a morning of lessons. This will enable them to get a taste of life as a student at Eltham College.

Students who are accepted for entry at 11+ are able to proceed through to the Sixth Form without the need for further assessment. However, all students wishing to study A Levels are required to meet the minimum entry of six GCSE subjects at Grade 7 or higher.

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 Event

9/11

11+ Registration Deadline

2027

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05/01
06/01

11+ Entrance Exams

12/02

11+ Offers Sent

03/03

11+ Acceptance
Deadline

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



Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available for Senior School candidates who fulfil the normal academic requirements for entry into the College. Scholarships are awarded at the Headmaster's discretion, following an appropriate assessment and interview, on the basis of merit, to the most able or to those who show considerable potential. Scholarships are usually maintained throughout a student's time at Eltham College.

At 11+ entry, academic scholarships are available as well as scholarships that recognise talent and ability in Sport, Chess, Music, Drama and Art.

These are awarded on an equal basis to students from Eltham College Junior School and external applicants.

Please note that Eltham College no longer accepts entry at Year 9 (13+) and a place will only be available if there is an occasional vacancy..

Bursaries

Means-tested bursaries may be awarded to parents who need financial assistance in order to pay the school fees. The value of a bursary as a proportion of fees is dependent on the financial circumstances of parents and will take into account their combined income and net assets.

Applicants for bursaries will be considered on the basis of their performance in the College entrance examinations and at interview. Bursaries are given at the Headmaster's discretion.

If a bursary is awarded, its value will be reviewed annually. Students applying for bursaries may also qualify for scholarships.

If you wish to apply for a bursary, you must indicate this at the time of registration. You will be asked to complete a separate application, provide documentary evidence of your financial circumstances, and accommodate a home visit / phone meeting during which an independent assessor will validate your application with you.

Scholarships and bursaries

Academic, Sport, Music, Chess, Art and Drama Scholarships are available for 11+ entry as well as means-tested financial bursaries.

Years 7 and 8

In the first two years, students follow a common curriculum that gives a thorough grounding in the subjects that are available at GCSE level. A strong emphasis is placed on the development of both academic and organisational skills. Every area of the curriculum is taught by a specialist teacher as set out below. In addition, all Forms have a weekly tutorial period on Wellbeing.

Compulsory subjects consist of Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Design and Technology, Drama, English, Geography, History, Latin, Mathematics, Music, PE, Games, Philosophy and Theology. Students are able to choose which two modern languages they study in Years 7 and 8 from French, Spanish, German, and Mandarin before making further choices into Year 9.

Year 9

In Year 9, students choose two of the three languages studied in Years 7 and 8 as well as three of the five additional subjects (Art, Computer Science, Design and Technology, Drama and Music). This allows us to dedicate more curriculum time to subjects that students excel in, in order to help them make better informed decisions about what GCSEs to take in Year 10.

Years 10 and 11

We aim to offer a broad curriculum and encourage students to choose subjects in addition to the core subjects of Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Physics according to their aptitude and interests. In order to encourage this we ask that students choose four optional subjects. All students study at least one Language, one Humanity and two additional subjects.

Humanities

Geography, History, or Philosophy and Theology.

Languages

French, German, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish.

Additional Subjects

Art, Computing, Drama, DT, French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Mandarin, Music, Philosophy and Theology, Spanish and Sports Science. Subjects chosen for GCSE should be a continuation of study from Year 9.

In addition, students will continue to be given study skills advice, follow a wellbeing and life skills programme, and have PE and Games lessons, none of which are examined.



Our curriculum

Students learn in small classes with specialist teachers who love their subjects and want to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with every student.

Results

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)

Each year Eltham College students achieve outstanding GCSE and A Level results.



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

Pastoral care

We believe that students will only be happy and successful at school if they feel safe and supported. We have a comprehensive pastoral care programme in place that provides support, help and guidance throughout students' time at Senior School.

We are proud of the pastoral care we offer our students, which is at the very centre of our educational vision at Eltham College. Throughout their time with us, children are supported academically, emotionally and spiritually with dedicated teams, as well as a wider staff body, who all strive to make their experience successful.

Each student is assigned a form group and a tutor, who will stay with them for both Years 7 and 8. The form tutor is a key member of staff, who will know the children in their form extremely well and is the first port of call for parents, should there be any questions or problems. The emphasis is firmly on settling into Eltham College and laying the foundation to a successful school career. Form tutors regularly meet students individually to talk about progress in all aspects of school life.

Each year group has an assigned Head of Year who works closely with the Tutor team as well as the Head of Section to ensure excellent standards of support and continuity of care as students move through the school. This is supported further by our wider pastoral team comprising the school nurses, the Chaplain, the Head of Wellbeing, our school counsellors, our Learning Support department, and our safeguarding team.

As our students move into Year 9, they are assigned a new form group and tutor who will remain with them until the end of the GCSEs in Year 11. The Middle School team supports our tutors, and each year group has a dedicated Head of Year, who will give additional support and advice about pastoral concerns and academic progress. Together with the Head of Middle School, they also work with the Wellbeing team and ensure smooth transition into the Sixth Form.



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

Term Fees

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

£10,389

Senior School fees per term comprising:

£8,526

Core fees

£1,705

20% VAT paid to Government

£158

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

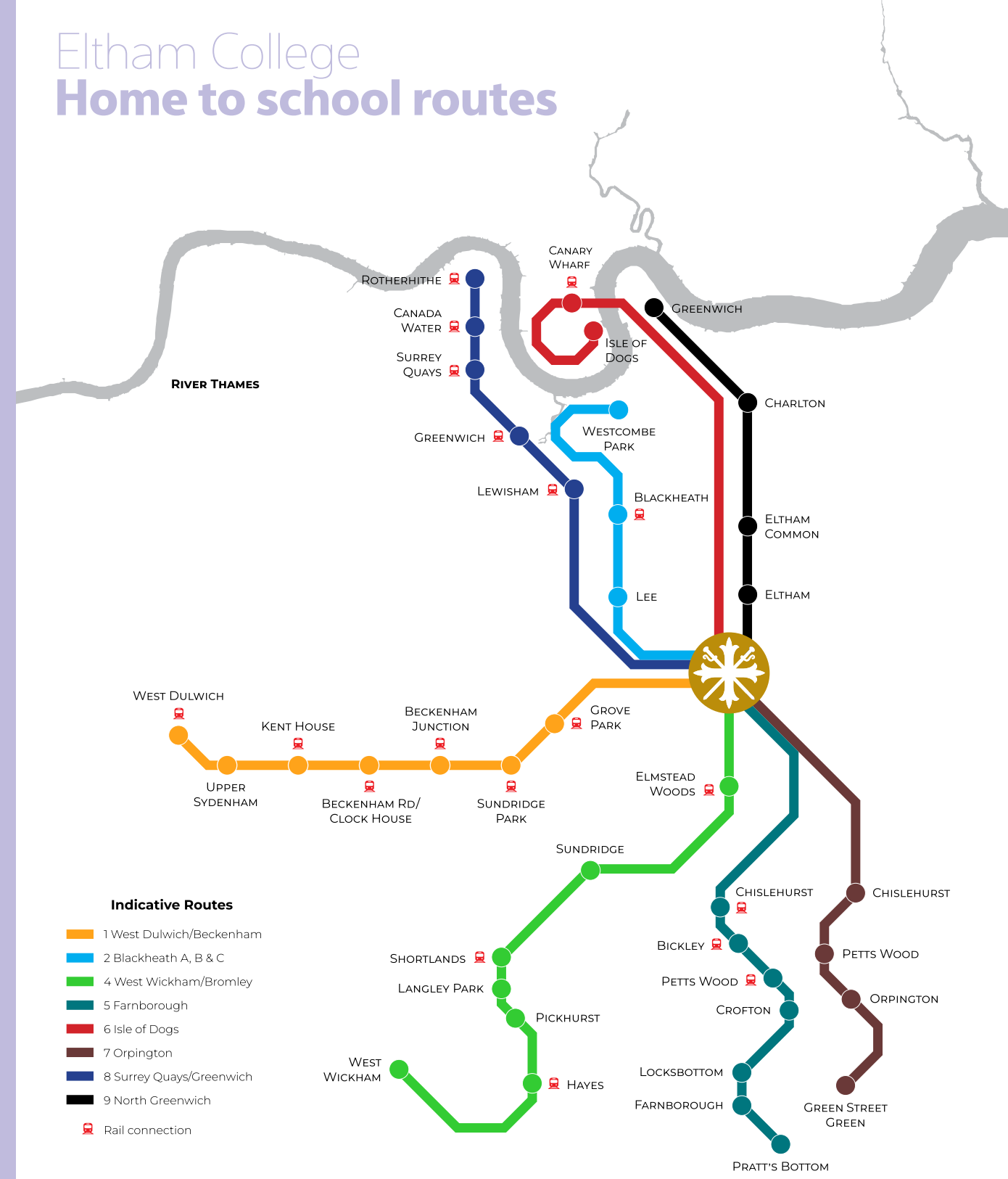
£14.30

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

Eltham College Home to school routes



Transport

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 Senior School or the application
process, please contact:

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