Date	Secondary 2026 Admissions - Key Dates
01 September 2025	Information for Parents booklets available online - Secondary 2026
01 September 2025	Portal for Secondary 2026 applications opens
W/C 15 September 2025	1st list of Y6 children without a current SEC26 application in place will be sent to primary schools.
W/C 29 September 2025	2nd list of Y6 children without a current SEC26 application in place will be sent to primary schools to request that reminders are given to parents to submit their applications before the closing date on the 31 October 2025.
01 October 2025	Consultation period begins for revised Admission Arrangements for September 2027.
W/C 13 October 2025	3rd list of Y6 children without a current SEC26 application in place will be sent to primary schools to request that reminders are given to parents to submit their applications before the closing date on the 31 October 2025.
14 October 2025	Willenhall Library 9am - 12pm. Secondary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2026 application.
14 October 2025	Darlaston Library 1pm - 4pm. Secondary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2026 application.
15 October 2025	Lichfield Street Hub 9am - 5pm. Secondary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2026 application.
16 October 2025	Blakenall Village Centre 1pm - 4pm. Secondary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2026 application.
W/C 20 October 2025	Final list of Y6 children without a current SEC26 application in place will be sent to primary schools. Admission Caseworkers will begin to contact parents who have not yet submitted, this will continue until the 31st October.
22 October 2025	Please ensure that you have returned your updated parental contact list of all Y6 children without a current SEC26 application in place by this date.
31 October 2025 (10pm)	NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR ON-TIME SECONDARY 2026 APPICATIONS
1 November 2025 - 29 November 2025	Late application received within this period may be considered as on time but only in exceptional circumstances (see Information for Parents booklet for more information)
26 November 2025	First lists for ranking to be available via the school portal for all Voluntary Aided/Ranking secondary schools.
30 November 2025	All applications received from this date forward will be considered late regardless of the circumstances
08 December 2025	Final week to submit consultation for Admission Arrangements for September 2027.
12 December 2025	First ranking lists should be submitted by all voluntary aided schools.
12 December 2025	Sibling verification to be completed by all schools via the school portal.
31 January 2026	Deadline for consultation closure for Admissions Arrangements for September 2027.
02 March 2026	SECONDARY NATIONAL OFFER DAY - all on-time applicants will receive an email confirming the school to be offered for September 2026
02 March 2026	Offer lists will be available to all secondary schools via the school portal on National Offer Day.
16 March 2026	Late Offers - Phase 1 - Offers made for late applications received between 1/11/2025 & 28/02/2026
18 March 2026	Waiting List Positions available for Secondary 2026 applications
04 May 2026	Late Offers - Phase 2 - Offers made for late applications received between 01/03/2026 & 30/04/2026
22 June 2026	Late Offers - Phase 3 - Offers made for late applications received between 01/05/2026 & 21/06/2026
As Required	Further offers for late applications will be made as required
June/July 2026	Appeal Hearings - dates to be confirmed to applicants as appropriate
June/July 2026	Inset dates - to be confirmed by the school of offer