



Year Six

Autumn Term 2022



'Every child has the right to an education which must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.'

Article 28 and 29

WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPROVE LEARNING AND OUTCOMES AT STAR



*Each year our school leaders decide which aspects of our school need improving. They decide what will have a **'BIG' impact** on your child's education.*

Star's big five priorities for 2022/23 are...

The Big Five



Maths

Learning Outcomes

Middle Leaders

Pupil Engagement

Pupil Voice & Pupil Leadership



STAR PRIMARY'S 5 KEY LEARNING FEATURES:



Questioning



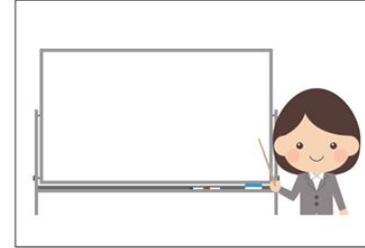
Scaffolding



Vocabulary



Strategic pairings



Modelling

All our teachers, support staff, lunch staff and leaders agree that these 5 ways support and challenge our children to be great learners.



Task - Ask your children how teachers help them learn and see what they say?



RIGHTS - WE ARE FOCUSING ON RESPECT



Google CLASSROOM

More information about our unique curriculum can be found at

<https://star.newham.sch.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>

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Who is in the Year Group?



- Miss Williams - Phase Group Leader & Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Rizvi - Year Group Leader and Class Teacher
- Mr Villarubia - Class Teacher
- Miss Ring - Class Teacher
- Mr Hwang - Class Teacher
- Mr John - Teaching Assistant
- Miss Coy - Intervention Teacher
- Mr Mabey - Teaching Assistant

Attendance

'Every child has the right to an education.' *Article 28*



- ▶ We expect children to come to school every day.
- ▶ Attendance is the key to success for our pupils.
- ▶ Most winter illnesses, colds or cases of diarrhea only need 48 hours away from school. This is common at this time of year, especially in Reception and Year 1.

Uniform

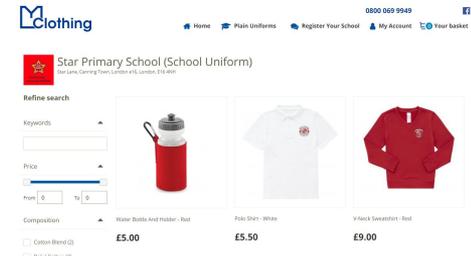
We are proud that our STAR uniform creates a sense of belonging.



Information about school uniform can be found on the school website -

<http://star.newham.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>

Main school uniform can only be ordered from <https://myclothing.com/>



PE and Fit Friday options.

For the new school year we are offering families the chance to buy personalised hooded tops for PE days and for FIT Fridays.



FIT FRIDAYS - A personalised red hooded jumper with initials on, to be worn over a red Fit Friday t-shirt.



PE - A personalised black hooded top with initials on, to be worn over white PE t-shirt.

<https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/>



PE Kit is to be worn to school on PE days



- ▶ PE is every **Tuesday**

- ▶ White PE t-shirt

- ▶ Black shorts

- ▶ Black plimsolls/trainers and socks

- ▶ Black tracksuit bottoms in cold weather

- ▶ Black hooded top (Optional)



FIT Friday



RSHE

'Every child has the right to an education.' *Article 28*
'Every child has the right to information and to express
their views' *Article 13*



- ▶ We are continuing to use the Happy Centred school programme. This is a programme that will enhance the personal, social, emotional and economic wellbeing and happiness of the Star school community, as well as promoting effective mental health strategies for pupils, parents, teachers and support staff. *We know this is especially important in these challenging times.*

RHSE at Star

The core themes are:

1. Self-Confidence
2. Achievement & Success
3. Positive Relationships
4. Support
5. Coping Skills



Tech @ Star Primary



Here at Star we use a variety of technology safely to support our children with their learning, as well as giving them the opportunity to develop a range of technological skills to support them in the future.



iPads



Chromebooks



Computers



Lego Robots



Beebots



Green Screen



iMovie

Need support or advice from the School?



If you would like to speak to a member of staff about any concerns you have about E-Safety, please contact the office to make an appointment with any of the members of staff below.



Mr Norton

Computing Learning Manager



Ms Patel

Computing Lead



Ms Williams

Digital Strategy Manager

As a Rights Respecting School, we believe...



**Article 13
(freedom of expression)**
Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

**Article 17
(access to information from the media)**
Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Online Safety and Security



On this page you will find a range of information about our Online Safety views and values, how we can work together to ensure our children are always safe online, other useful information for Parents as well as our Computing and E-Safety Policy.

Online Safety

At Star we believe that everyone is equally loved and accepted. Staff and Governors are concerned for "fair" and "safe" for children, staff, parents/carers and the wider community.

Online Safety is that area of safeguarding that deals with the acceptable behaviour needed to achieve a safe online community. It teaches users of the internet, social media and connected devices what to do should they be in a difficult situation.

Online Safety:

Online Safety is the duty of parents and staff. We should work with the children to ensure that all users of the "virtual" or digital world are safe and that the same standards of safety and acceptable behaviour that apply in our communities, is also applied online.

As a community we need to recognise and guard against bullying, intimidation, discrimination, grooming and exploitation of vulnerable users by the online users we know but more importantly from "stranger danger".

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Star Primary School. We have extensive security measures and safe working practices in place in school, which are monitored both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable material.

In school children are taught how to stay safe and behave appropriately online. Adults should, as you would in the real world, educate children on what to do when they encounter danger and how best to deal with it. As a school, Online safety incidents are dealt with in accordance with our policies. Sanctions are used to deal with unacceptable behaviour and serious incidents are escalated to the appropriate authorities.

Working together:

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if staff and parents work together to ensure the Online Safety message is consistent. It is important that adults speak to their children about them how to behave appropriately online, set rules and deal with bad behaviour.

Useful information for parents



7 Conversation Topics



The App Store



Fortnite: Battle Royale



Star Primary School
Computing & E-Safety Policy

<https://star.newham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

Online Safety and Security



On this page you will also find information and advice about what you can do if you are ever in need of support and a range of support available to you.

Help! What should I do?

To keep yourself safe when using the internet and mobile devices use these simple rules:

Never give out personal details to online 'friends'. Use a nickname when logging on and don't share full name, email address, mobile number, school name and any photos – [any picture or video online can be changed or shared without permission](#).

Be aware of "stranger danger". People online can pretend to be someone else to gain your trust and confidence. Don't keep experiences secret – share your online experiences with family or friends – remember your real friends can help

Beware of what you share (i.e. no inappropriate words, images or videos). **Think**: "Would I be embarrassed if my family or friends saw this?"

Learn how to respond to negative words, messages, images or video that upset you. Tell a trusted adult and then take steps to avoid this being repeated...

Delete spam, junk emails and texts that are not true. Don't reply or send them to anyone else. When in doubt ask a trusted adult how to deal with it.

Don't open files sent from people you don't know. They could contain a virus, or worse – an inappropriate image or film.

Talk to a trusted adult before responding to any suggestions that make you feel uncomfortable. An online 'friend' is anyone you have not met in real life; no matter how long you have been friends with them.

Remember that online 'friends' can lie and will try to convince and influence you 'to do things that you would not normally do'.

Keep online 'mates' online. Never meet up with any online 'friends' without an adult you trust.

Know how to block or "unfriend" anyone who makes them feel unhappy online and report any behaviour that you feel uncomfortable with.

REMEMBER:

- It's never too late to tell someone when someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable.

Places to go for help and advice



Online Safety Portal for Parents – Digital Parenting (Vodafone)

- Online portal designed for parents with simple, easy to follow practical advice about online safety for their children and adults.
- E-mag provides tips on talking to children about Online Safety.
- Advice on protection from online grooming, cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.
- 'How to Guides' to secure your online safety.



Online Safety Portal for Children, Parents and Teachers – Childnet International

- Online safety advice for children, parents, carers and anyone who works with children
- Annual training sessions and focussed **internet safety campaigns programme for children**
- Childnet offers advice to adults and children on how avoid difficulties and stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Kid Smart

- An award-winning internet safety programme for children
- Kidsmart gives advice to adults and children on how to stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Internet Matters (BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media)

- Designed for parents to access simple, easy and practical advice about online safety for their children, right through from pre-school to teens.
- Tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content. It is set up by .



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Esafety, Safeguarding & Digital Literacies

- Resources, guidance and news relating to digital literacies, safeguarding and esafety.
- Updated daily using social media to identify and source news and materials.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – NSPCC

- Online Safety, Esafety, Share Aware, Netaware
- Helpful advice and tools for parents and children.
- Help and resources for adults to educate and explain how to stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Childline, CEOP and National Crime Agency.

- Supporting materials, activities and links to educate children and adults about Online Safety.
- Guidance on how to deal with Child Exploitation and how to enhance online protection.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Police, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre.

- Multi-agency service dedicated to tackling the abuse and exploitation of children in the real and 'e' world.
- Referred to as an online 999.
- Advice on a range of issues such as viruses, hacking and dealing with bullying online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Children – by Microsoft.

- Advice and support to help protect children and vulnerable adults from online abuse.

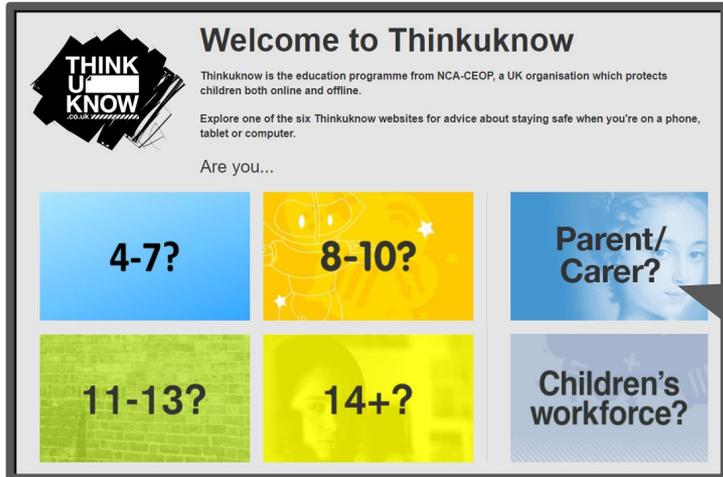


Online Safety Portal for all users – by Google

- Website offering advice to all users of the internet.

Home-School online-Safety Learning

If you would like to support your children with learning about online safety please see the 'Thinkuknow' website where you can complete home-learning activities with your children.



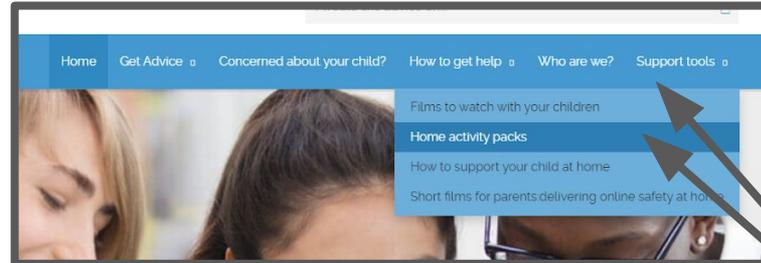
THINK UKNOW
WELCOME TO THINKUKNOW

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

Are you...

- 4-7?
- 8-10?
- 11-13?
- 14+?
- Parent/Carer?
- Children's workforce?



Home Get Advice Concerned about your child? How to get help Who are we? Support tools

- Films to watch with your children
- Home activity packs
- How to support your child at home
- Short films for parents delivering online safety at home

1. Click on Parent/Carer tab

2. Click on Support tools > Home activity packs

Year Six Secondary School Transition

We will now present some additional information about applying to secondary school. If you have any questions about your secondary school application and school allocation please email: year6@star.newham.sch.uk

[Miss Clarke \(Pastoral Care Team\)](#) can help you with any additional information as well as support you with your application. Please book an appointment with her.



Applying for secondary schools for September 2023





How to register:

The slides about how to register have been shared on ParentMail.

The website is

www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you are not sure how to register your child, speak to the office staff.

A screenshot of the eAdmissions website interface. At the top, it says "Welcome to eAdmissions". Below this are three main buttons: "First time visitors" (purple), "Returning visitors" (blue), and "Find schools" (grey). Each button has an icon and a "Register" or "Sign in" link. Below these buttons is a teal box titled "Important information" containing text about school places for September 2021, application options (Primary, Junior, Secondary, Nursery, University Technical College), funding information, and a maintenance notice for Saturday 2 November.

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors
Create a new account. [Register](#)

Returning visitors
Sign into an existing account. [Sign in](#)

Find schools
In your area. [Find](#)

Important information

Apply here for a school place for the year starting September 2021. You can apply for a place in:

- A Primary school (Reception)
- A Junior school (Year 3)
- A Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in:

- A Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- A University Technical College (Year 10)

This website is funded and supported by 33 London authorities and Surrey County Council.

Please be aware that this website will be unavailable on Saturday 2 November at 11.00 until 13.30 for essential planned maintenance.

National Closing Date



Monday 31st October 2022

Please make sure you have applied for a place at a secondary school for you child before this date.

- Add a reminder for at least 3 days before the closing date!



OUR COMPOSITE PROSPECTUS AUTUMN 2022 EDITION

In early September, primary schools will issue the autumn 2022 edition of:



'We are going to secondary school' guide

Officially known as our composite prospectus

Take time to read this guide from cover to cover as it explains the process in details and includes important information about going to school.

If you do not live in Newham and you attend a primary school in Newham we are happy to give you a copy of our guide but you must still follow your own borough's processes detailed in their guide.

Open Evenings

Details of all open evening and open days at secondary schools across Newham are published in the We Are Going To Secondary School prospectus.

A hard copy is available to you all.

A digital copy can be found here.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/5011/we-are-going-to-secondary-school-digital-version-final>



**WE ARE GOING TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL.**



Year 7 Admissions September 2023
Information relating to Pan London Year 7 coordination and
In-Year Admissions for 2022/2023



Who needs to apply to secondary school?



- Parents/carers of every child in Year 6 with a date of birth inclusive of 01/09/2011 to 31/08/2012 must submit an application. **Unless they have an Education, Health and Care Plan**
- The law does not allow Local Authorities to reserve a place at a child's local school or even the school where their sibling or siblings attend or used to attend!
- An application must be received for a child to be considered for a place at any school. These can be schools in Newham or in another borough or county.

FAMILY AND CHILD WELLBEING

Moving from primary to secondary school is a really big step for most children and their families.

The process can be overwhelming for some so it is really important that you remember to think about everyone's mental health and wellbeing throughout the process.

It is important that you start the conversation as early as possible to help deal with any questions or worries they may have.

Carefully manage expectations, don't make promises that cannot be delivered.

Ask for any help and advice you need from your school early in the process.

Don't set yourself up to fail by not following advice or naming unachievable preferences

Discussion Points for the Family:

To prioritise your child's wellbeing and promote good mental health when discussing moving from year 6 to year 7 parents/carers should ask for help about any concerns:

My child will only do well if they attend an 'Outstanding' school: All schools deliver a great education and children do well in all schools. Attending all open evenings and other events will give a good view of each school.

Missing old friends and teachers: Talk about making new friends and the new teachers they will meet.

Getting lost on the way to school and in school: Complete practice runs, home/school journeys and request an actual or virtual guided tour of the school.

Too much to learn: Remind children they had loads to learn at primary school as well and they succeeded.

Secondary schools are so big with so many children: remind children primary school seemed very big when they joined but that was soon ok.

Emphasise that secondary school will bring big, new and fun opportunities!

What to do before deciding on a school:



Open evenings: Attend as many open evenings as possible, not just the schools you were first thinking about. It is important that you attend as many open evenings as possible in Newham even if you were not considering the schools. Sometimes schools may be very different when you visit to what you may have read or heard about from other people.

Judge for yourself!

Location and travel:

- Where are the schools you are interested in?
- Remember home to school distance is the tiebreaker for many schools.
- Will travelling there be easy so your child can arrive on time everyday?
- Would they be able to walk or cycle to school even in bad weather?
- Can you afford the cost of your child's travel if they cannot be reached on foot or by bike?

All this information is really important especially if you are thinking of applying for schools that are not local to your home.



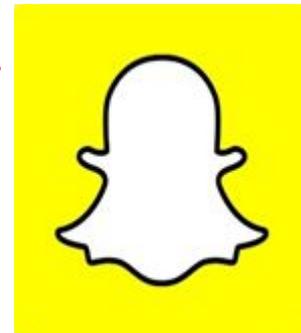
Should I research the school?

Research is not essential but parents/carers may choose to consider:

- **Gather views from those you respect and will have the child's best interest at heart:** speak to the child, family, friends and the child's class teacher to get their views and opinions. But remember parents/carers themselves have the final say not other people!
- **Progress 8 and examination results:** Progress 8 is an added value measure that aims to capture the progress of children from the end of primary to the end of secondary rather than just on the day of an exam.
- **School websites and news articles:** school websites are an excellent source of information, you can see how the school presents themselves and find lots of important up to date information about what is going on in the school.
- **Ofsted reports:** Ofsted reports are important but remember they are only a reflection of inspection day. This may have been completed many years ago and things may have changed significantly since it was published.



Do not use social media in your preference decision making! With the exception of school official accounts. It is likely to present a biased view so could adversely impact on your personal decision!



What not to do:



For all parents/carers, the priority should be to achieve the best outcome for your child's future needs without creating an impossible task.

Don't

- Miss the deadline for on time applications – late applications don't often get one of their preferences and all popular schools are filled with on time applicants.
- Ignore the advice of the local authority and schools – they have done it for many years so really do know the process.
- Choose only to attend the open evening of a few schools
- Pay for advice, any questions you have can be answered by your primary school – when they don't know they will find out.
- Name unachievable preferences.
- Listen to rumours and gossip.
- Convince yourself the local schools aren't good enough for your child.

Now you know your preferences:



What order?

The order schools are named in is known as 'Rank' order.

1st preference must be the school the applicant most wants and so on. The law does not allow local authorities to reserve places even if a family has other children attending a school or it is their local school. To be considered you must apply!

How many preferences?

The Local Authority strongly recommends that all applicants name six preferences. This means we can consider a child for more schools if we cannot offer places at their highest preferences. If multiple preferences are not named it limits the number of schools we can consider a child for but does not increase their chances of getting a school.

OUT OF BOROUGH SCHOOLS SELECTIVE SCHOOLS

We recognised that some families may be considering selective schools or other school outside of Newham.

Newham hopes all our residents choose to stay local for their secondary education!

What are selective schools?

Schools that offer places based on ability and aptitude require each applicant's child to be tested. These include:

- grammar schools;
- partially selective ('bilateral') schools;
- schools which band applicants by ability to achieve a comprehensive intake;
- schools which select up to 10% of their cohort by aptitude in a prescribed subject.

USE ANY DEVICE



ADVICE ON HOW TO USE THE PAN LONDON PORTAL



Registration Information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2WXUD8Fido>

How to create an account video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2WXUD8Fido>

eAdmissions Helpdesk

Call 0208 255 55 55 option 1

8am - 6pm Monday to Friday

**Great support is also
available from all schools in
Newham.**



APPLYING FOR A FAITH SCHOOL

If parents/carers are applying for a faith school they must remember most require a supplementary application form (SIF) for the child to be considered under the faith based criteria.

This is in addition to the main application not instead of!

In Newham, the closing date for the submission of a SIF direct to the schools is
31st October 2022

If a parent/carer names a faith school as a preference and does not submit a SIF their application will automatically be considered under the lowest priority category 'All Other' as the admissions committee will not have any information to add the child to a higher priority group.

These forms must be sent direct to the school not the Local Authority and must not be attached to an online application.

Remember for the process and dates for faith schools outside of Newham this may be different, so check the school website or call them.

What to do next?



Once your application has been successfully submitted through the eAdmissions portal an application reference will be issued which will look like this.

316-2021-09-E-001234

Families now just need to wait until
National Offer Day:

Wednesday 1st March 2023

National Offer Day: 1st March 2023



All families who applied by the national closing date (31st October 2022) and many late applicants will be notified of the school their child has been offered for year 7 for September 2023.

Online applicants via the eAdmissions portal will be sent an email with their offered school and will be advised to log into their account.

Paper applicants will be sent a letter that is posted on 1st March 2023.

The offer will be the highest offer that could be made from the preferences named.

For some families it is possible that none of their preferences can be offered. Then their home local authority will allocate an alternative which will be named in the letter. This will be the closest school to your home that has a place available.

Waiting Lists:



In Newham, children are automatically added to the waiting list for any schools ranked higher than the preference offered.

For example: if a child is offered their third preference they will be added to the waiting list for their 1st and 2nd preferences but not their 4th, 5th and 6th.

If a family want their child to be added to the waiting list for a lower preference school they must contact pupil.services@newham.gov.uk

The law requires that all children must be added to a waiting list in their rightful place based on the oversubscription criteria **NOT** first come first served.

This means that a late applicant can go direct to number one on the waiting list above all on time applicants if they have a higher priority than all others based on the oversubscription criteria.

What if you are not happy with the decision...?

If you don't get a place at the school you prefer you still have the opportunity to lodge an independent appeal.

Everyone who applies for a school and is refused a place has the right of appeal.

Appeals are managed by Newham Independent Admission Appeals Service (NIAAS) and heard by an independent (community volunteer) panel.

Two stage hearing process:

Stage one: to determine if a mistake stopped your child being offered a place.

Stage two: is about any personal, social and medical reasons the appellant provides.

Although there are a high volume of hearings, very few are successful. For secondary transfer for September 2022 entries, 245 appeals were held and only 7 were successful – that is only 2.86%.

Remember:



- The closing date for applications is Monday 31st October 2022
- Register and create an account on www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Create your application on the same website on your account
- We recommend that you name six schools on your application
- Remember to rank the schools in order of preference
- If you are not sure how to complete any stage of the application please ask
- Talk to your child about their feelings about next year

If you apply after this date your application will be processed as a late application.

Remember by law late applicants can only be offered the places remaining after the on-time applicants have been given their schools.



DO NOT FORGET

Only children eligible for free school meals get a lunch free of charge in secondary school.

EAT FOR FREE

All year 6 children in a primary school in Newham are given a free lunch every day.

Children at secondary school do not eat for free unless they are eligible for free school meals, so you may need to budget for the cost of a lunch from September 2023.

APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have not already applied for free school meals apply as soon as possible.

Your primary school can tell you if you have already applied and if your child is eligible.

Pupil Services review all applications in the system every week to see if any not eligible becomes eligible.

If you are not eligible you will have to give your child dinner money or provide packed lunch.



Attention all parents!



Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

**FREE
DOWNLOAD**

"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"



"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"



"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



All correspondence from Star, payments, club bookings and consent for trips will be sent electronically through Parent mail.

Dates for your diary



Half term ends: Friday 21st October
School closed: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
School opens: Monday 31st October
& Secondary School application deadline.

24th - 28th April Outward Bounds residential trip.

Expression of interest will be shared soon. Visit the website: <https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/howtown>



Questions



- ▶ We would like to answer your questions in detail so please email the school with your query or email to:
- ▶ year6@star.newham.sch.uk
- ▶ Title PIM MEETING QUESTION