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Year 6 Prospective Parents' Evening
Mr Andrew Burton - Headteacher

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School open days: Eight things to look for

By Katherine Sellgren
BBC News family and education reporter

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Everything flows from a good head, says former Ofsted boss Sir Michael Wilshaw

What are the 8 things?

1. Quiz those 'hand-picked' pupils who show you around
2. Ask to go to the toilet
3. Bring your child to the open evening/day
4. Listen to the head teacher's speech
5. And then ask tough questions
6. Take a good look at the teachers
7. Visit the school again - at home-time
8. Write the deadline date on your calendar

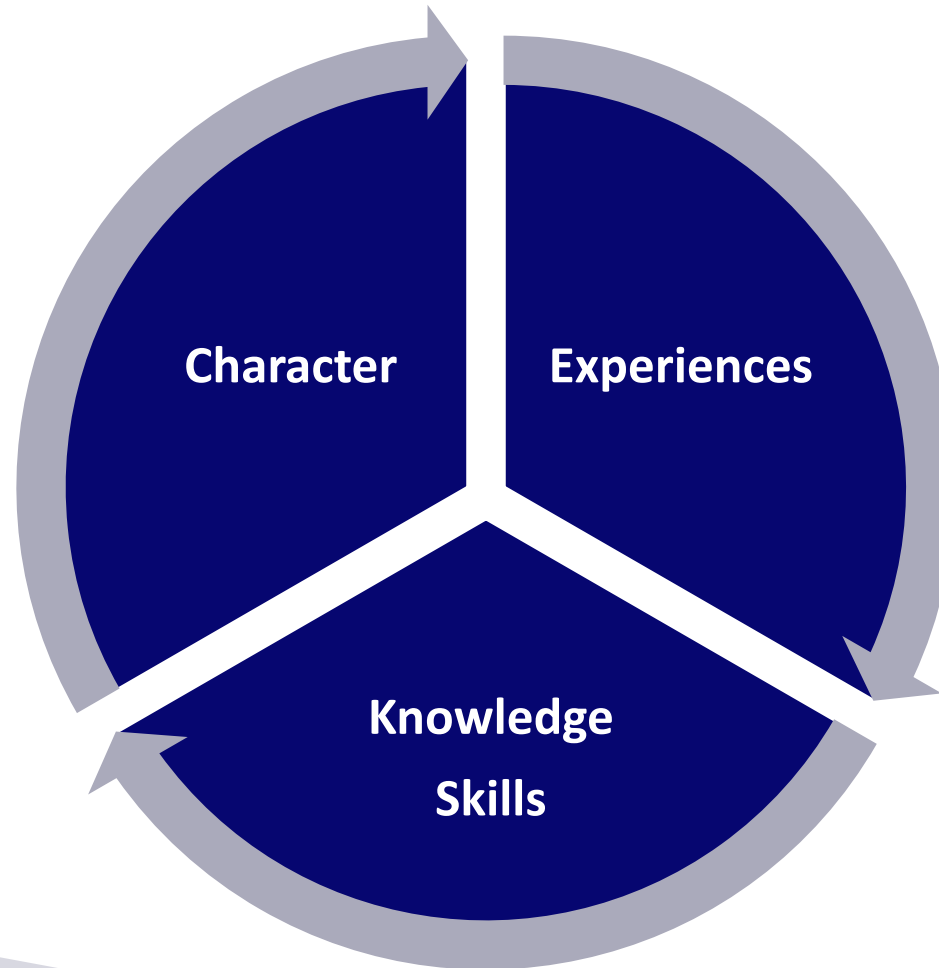
What are we about?

Vision, Ethos, Values

Ousedale Vision

**"All young people leave Ousedale ready to succeed in life.
As effective learners they will acquire the character, experiences,
knowledge, skills and qualifications which will enable them to thrive,
and lead successful, happy lives."**

Our Curriculum



Music specialism

Careers Information, Advice & Guidance

Assessment & Reporting information to parents

Pupil support & SEND

Safeguarding & Child Protection

Partnership with home

Exam results & outcomes

What our pupils say

Don't just take our word for it!

Poppy & Rosa
Year 7 - Olney

What our pupils say

Don't just take our word for it!

Alfie & Rosie
Year 7 – Newport Pagnell

**“This is a school where, as
one pupil put it, ‘everyone is
included’.”**

Ofsted, January 2020

Admissions arrangements & Transition

Mrs Claire Penny
Senior Assistant Headteacher

Maximise your chance of getting your preferred secondary school place

Apply on time

- The closing date is **31 October 2023**
- Any applications received after this will be processed after national offer day
- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places allocated will be made on **1 March 2024** (unless your application is late)

Apply online

- You can only apply online at **Citizen Portal - Sign in (milton-keynes.gov.uk)** up until midnight on **31 October 2023**
- You will be able to view, update, and submit your application throughout the application window
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure
- You will be able to log on from **1 March 2024** to view the school that has been allocated

Use all four preferences

- You can apply for up to **four** schools. The schools will not know in which order you have placed the preferences
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preference is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered
- It's best to include your catchment school as one of your preferences, it does not need to be your first preference

Choose wisely

- Make sure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a primary school within the area of the secondary school
- Consider how you will access your school place

Admissions information for all schools is available on our website.

[Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024](#) | [Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](https://milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Applications are made to Ousedale School as a whole and no preference for campus allocation can be made at the time of application. Students are allocated Newport Pagnell Campus or Olney Campus depending on their permanent residential address and campus availability.

Important Note: As Ousedale School is a dual campus school, the Admissions Authority may offer a place at the alternative campus if the campus designated according to an applicant's address is full. If this offer of a place is refused, applicants' names cannot be placed on the waiting list for an alternative campus and there is no right of appeal.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Ousedale School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus.

Where there are more than 360 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order.
2. Children who live in the area served by the school – the defined (catchment) area. Proof of residence will be required
3. Children of staff at the school (where the member of staff has been employed at Ousedale School for at least two years at the time of application for admission, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. The Headteacher determines where there is a demonstrable skill shortage)
4. Priority by Aptitude - **up to 36** places will be available on the basis of aptitude for Music. Applicants will be assessed and ranked according to an aptitude assessment administered at and by the school#.
5. Children who, during the school week, live with an older brother or sister still in attendance in Years 8-11 at the time of admission (brother or sister includes adopted children, stepbrother or stepsister via parental marriage/permanent partner, and halfbrother or halfsister sharing a biological parent)
6. Children attending a feeder school which is in the school's defined (catchment) area
7. Children who live outside the school's defined (catchment) area

Pupil projection data 2024 to 2029

The table below shows the projected demand for Ousedale School:

Ousedale School: Year 7 (Newport Pagnell Campus)						
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Number of places available (PAN)	240	240	240	240	240	240
Total Cohort @ Year 6	256	228	237	219	215	178
Cohort @ Retention Rate	247	220	228	211	207	172
Demand expected from new houses	0	0	1	5	9	14
Children from out of county	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pupils projected to attend Catholic provision	4	3	3	3	3	3
Total number of places required for Year 7	246	219	228	216	215	185
Balance of Places	-6	21	12	24	25	55

Ousedale School: Year 7 (Olney Campus)						
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Number of places available (PAN)	120	120	120	120	120	120
Total Cohort @ Year 6	106	91	105	109	105	100
Cohort @ Retention Rate	102	88	101	105	101	96
Demand expected from new houses	3	4	5	6	7	7
Children from out of county	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pupils projected to attend Catholic provision	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total number of places required for Year 7	105	91	105	111	107	102
Balance of Places	15	29	15	9	13	18



Applying for a secondary school place in Milton Keynes

A guide for parents and carers

Apply between 1 September and 31 October 2023 to start secondary school in September 2024

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

 **Milton Keynes**
City Council



**Apply online from
1 September 2023 to 31 October 2023**

**You must apply by
31 October 2023
or you will
have limited choice**

Moving up to secondary school in September 2024

As your child is now in Year 6 it is time for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024.

You can apply online and find out more information on the council's website at **Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council** (milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Please read carefully the **Guide for Parents and Carers** on our website. To help you understand the likelihood of securing a place at one of your preferred schools, you should make particular note of the 'key facts' section for each school which tells you the cut off point for places offered last year.

Make sure you read the oversubscription criteria for each school that you want to apply for as many schools are over-subscribed each year.

Details of open events for all secondary schools in Milton Keynes are also included in the guide.

Parents and carers can express a preference for four schools.

If you pay your council tax to Milton Keynes Council, apply on our website. If you pay your council tax to another local authority you must apply through that local authority even if you want to apply for a Milton Keynes school.

To access support with making an application, face to face drop-in sessions are available at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates between 10.00am - 2.00pm

- 20 September
- 11 October
- 25 October
- 13 December
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 6 December
- 10 January

Following date will start from 11.30am

- 4 October

Find out more at:

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Apply here



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Thank you for visiting our
fantastic School;
we **hope** to
welcome you in **September**
2024