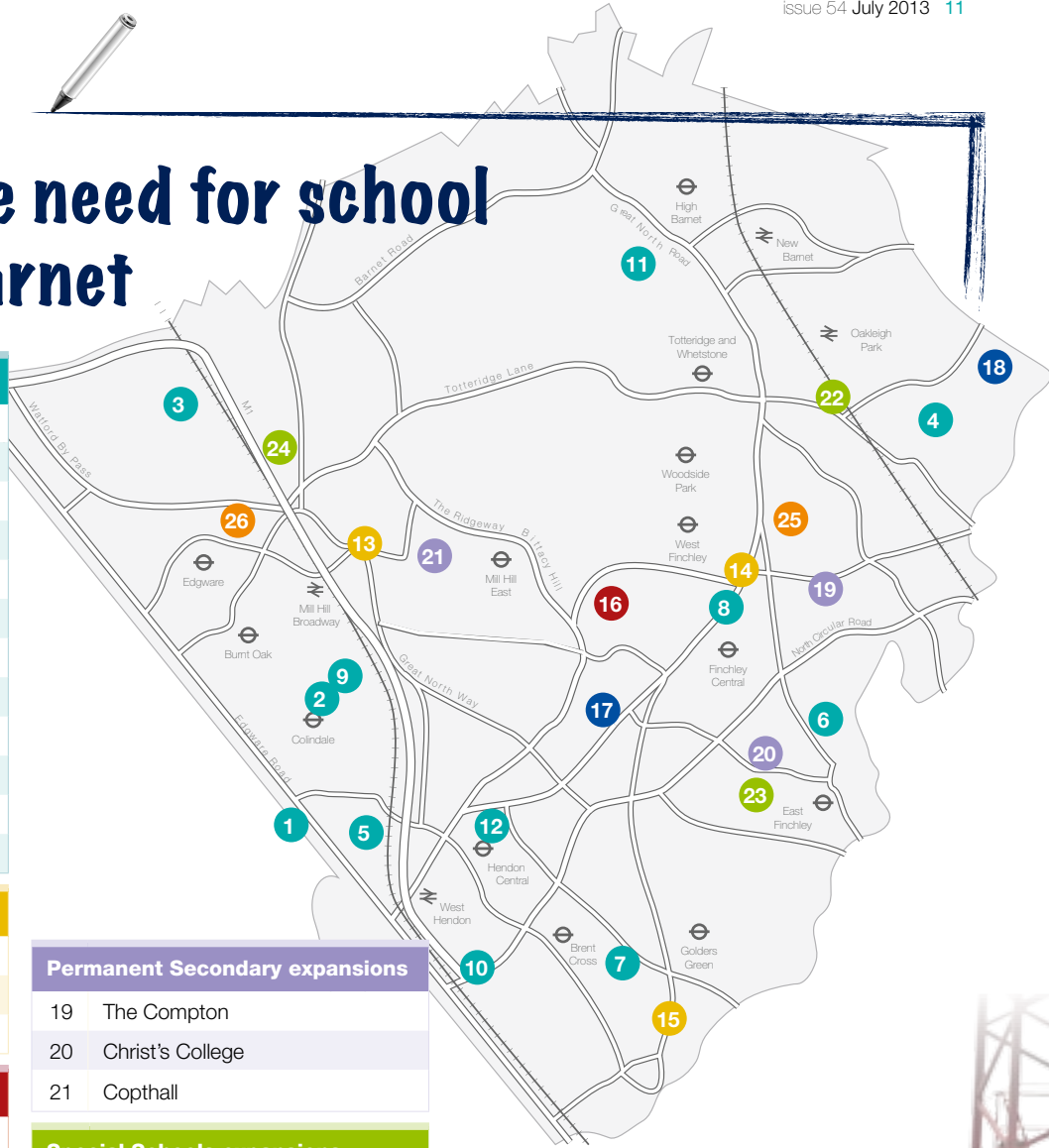


School places

Meeting the need for school places in Barnet



Permanent Primary expansions

1	Beis Yaakov
2	Blessed Dominic
3	Broadfields
4	Brunswick Park
5	Colindale
6	Martin
7	Menorah Foundation
8	Moss Hall
9	The Orion
10	Parkfield
11	St Catherine's
12	St Mary's and St John's

Primary - New 'Free Schools'

13	Etz Chaim
14	Alma (New Jewish)
15	Rimon

Primary - New School

16	Mill Hill East
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Secondary - New 'Free Schools'

17	Archer Academy
18	St Andrew the Apostle

Permanent Secondary expansions

19	The Compton
20	Christ's College
21	Copthall

Special Schools expansions

22	Oakleigh
23	Oak Lodge
24	Northway

New voluntary-aided

25	Sacks Morasha
26	Beit Shvidler

Preparing for the future

Barnet Council has been working with the whole school community to find solutions to the growing number of children in need of school places.

Between 2009 and 2013, more than 70 additional primary classes have been created. This includes a mix of temporary and permanent classrooms across community, voluntary-aided, academy and free schools (see above).

The council has spent £88 million on permanently expanding or rebuilding schools and is committed to spending a further £49 million as it prepares for future expansions across the borough.

Work is already underway to provide additional places for children as they reach secondary school age. See overleaf for more details.

School places



On the way up

The council has been continuing its successful policy of expanding popular schools to meet growing demand from its 'baby boomers'.

Seven primary schools and one special school are set to permanently expand from September 2013 onwards. 1,500 new permanent primary school places are being provided through investment in Martin, Moss Hall, Brunswick Park, Menorah Foundation, Oakleigh Special School, The Orion, St Mary's and St John's and Blessed Dominic schools.

As the borough continues to grow, the council is also making sure there are sufficient school places to support regeneration schemes, ensuring there are new schools to match new homes.

Mill Hill East

Planning permission has been granted for a brand new primary school on the site of the former Inglis Barracks in Mill Hill.

This new £12.3 million three-form entry school will offer enhanced sports facilities including a full size all weather football pitch for community use. It is being mainly funded by the wider development in the area and will open its doors to its first intake of pupils in 2014.



Broadfields: opened in autumn 2010



Northway Special School and Fairway Primary School: opened in autumn 2011

Timeline of Barnet school expansions



2010

1

2011

2

3

2012

A broader mix

Barnet's school community is as varied as its population. Among the new schools entering the 'mix' are: Sacks Morasha Primary, a Jewish school entering the voluntary-aided sector in April 2013, Alma Primary, a new Jewish free school, St Mary's and St John's, Barnet's first all-through school spanning nursery to sixth-form, Archer Academy, the borough's first non-denominational, co-educational secondary free school, and St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox Free School, Britain's first Greek Orthodox secondary school.



Colindale, the borough's newest primary school building: opened in spring 2012



Mill Hill East Primary school: will open in 2014, supporting new homes in the area

Secondary expansions

As the baby boomers work their way through the school system, so the demand for secondary school places will increase. Plans have been submitted to expand the Compton School, Copthall School and Christ's College to create 450 extra secondary places. The cost of the permanent expansions is expected to be £12 million across the three sites. The Archer Academy and St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox Free School will provide an additional 1,500 secondary places between them with 600 school places for St Mary's and St John's.

- 2 Spring 2011 saw the official opening of Childs Hill School, Children's Centre and an Autism Spectrum Centre brought together under one roof.
- 5 Martin, Moss Hall, Brunswick Park, Oakleigh Special School, and Menorah Foundation providing more school primary places in September 2013 through an investment in new classrooms and other facilities.
- 7 Investment in new buildings at Christ's College, Compton and Copthall secondary schools to provide more secondary school places by September 2014.
- 8 Blessed Dominic expanding to become a three-form entry school by September 2014. The Orion School opens in new building.
- 9 St Mary's and St John's first new secondary pupils join the all-through school – September 2014.

For more information, visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions



School places

The Orion - a shining star

For any head teacher to be given the chance to design their own school from scratch could be seen as either a massive headache or a golden opportunity.

As Chris Flathers tours the site of the new Orion School, it's clear he sees it as the latter.

"If you're a passionate head teacher and want to make the difference to children's lives this is like a dream come true," he says.

The newly relocated school building on Grahame Park Way will be home to 1,100 pupils when it opens its doors in 2014. Its facilities will be shared with nearby Goldbeaters School, which together with The Orion make up The Gold Star Federation. The new £15 million school will also include a 21-place Autism Spectrum Condition Unit.

Chris' vision is integral to the school's design, from the Gold Star Centre at the heart of the school which will house a professional theatre, dance and recording studio, to the building's W-shaped design where children will be taught along two identical two-form wings.

"All the lessons will be taught in parallel so it won't feel overwhelming for the children," he explains.

After a few setbacks due to the cold weather, building work is well underway and Chris is now finalising colour schemes, carpets and working on a large star design which will tie the schools together.

A major feature of the Gold Star Centre will be to attract the local community to use its theatre, dance and recording studio as well as the multi-surface sports pitches.

"Our vision is that our children will leave here with ambition and a vision of their futures, with the skills and qualities they need to reach their dreams," says Chris. "Our aim is that the Gold Star Centre will become a focal point, providing courses for children once they leave here as well as local residents."

