

2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

4 February 2026  
Our ref: 16420153

Thank you for your request received on 23 January 2026, for the following information:

**Dear Barnet Borough Council,**

**Please provide the aggregate numbers of applications received by the London Borough of Barnet for Year 7 entry in September 2026 to the following schools, broken down by preference rank (e.g. first preference, second preference, etc.):**

- **Hasmonean High School for Boys**
- **Hasmonean High School for Girls**
- **Menorah High School for Girls**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below applies to all of this information and this is withheld. Please see the [Refusal Notice](#) below.

The Admissions Service has advised that we are unable to provide this information at this time. The data requested forms part of the current live admissions cycle and is subject to an embargo. This embargo applies until after London Councils' formal announcement of secondary transfer outcomes on National Offer Day. The information will enter the public domain after 2 March. The detail requested also exceeds the level of information we normally publish. If you wish to receive the more detailed breakdown, you may submit a fresh request after the embargo has lifted.

### **S22 - Material intended for publication**

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

- Promoting openness and transparency about the Council's admissions processes.
- Providing insight that may assist parents and stakeholders in understanding school application patterns.

### **Factors in favour of withholding**

- The information forms part of an active, ongoing admissions cycle and is not yet verified for publication.
- There is a clear and established embargo on releasing admissions data prior to London Councils' formal publication on National Offer Day.
- Premature disclosure could lead to confusion or misinterpretation of unverified data.
- All applicants and stakeholders should have equal access to admissions information at the point of formal publication.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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