



Useful websites & educational resources

Contact	Address	Email	Phone	Website
School Placements & Admissions Team	4E/09 Civic Centre, High St, Uxbridge UB8 1UW	ehe@hillington.gov.uk	01895 556 644	www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Department for Education	Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, SW1P 3BT		0370 000 2288	www.education.gov.uk
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)		customerservices@ dbs.gsi.gov.uk	0870 909 0811	www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service
Hillingdon Parent and Carers Forum		hillingtonpcf@gmail.com		www.hillingdonpcf.com
Parent Advice Line: Guidance & support for parents & carers of children facing a bullying situation			020 7823 5430	kidscape.org.uk/pal
The Complete Guide to Online Parental Controls				www.wizcase.com/blog/guide-to-parental-controls
Education Otherwise Association	61 Bridge Street, Kington, HR5 3DJ	enquiries@educationotherwise.org	0300 1245 690	https://educationotherwise.org/
Home Education Advisory Service	PO Box 98 Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AN		01707 371 854	www.heas.org.uk
ACE Education Advice & Training	36 Nicholay Road, London N19 3EZ		0300 0115 142	www.ace-ed.org.uk
Educational Freedom		support@educationalfreedom.org.uk		educationalfreedom.org.uk

Oxford Home Schooling	4 Kings Meadow, Oxford, OX2 0DP	enquiries@ool.co.uk	0800 0111 024	www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk
Ed Yourself				edyourself.org
A Home Education				www.ahomeeducation.co.uk
Home Education UK				www.home-education.org.uk
Education Now				www.educationnow.co.uk
National curriculum inEngland				www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum
Qualifications & Curriculum Authority				www.qca.org.uk
The Office of Qualifications & Examinations Regulation	Earlsdon Park, 53-55 Butts Rd, Coventry, CV1 3BH	public.enquiries@ofqual.gov.uk	0300 303 3344	www.gov.uk/ofqual
SEN Code of Practice				www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-ofpractice-0
The National Autistic Society	393 City Road, London, EC1V 1NG	nas@nas.org.uk	0808 800 4104	www.autism.org.uk
The Association for Children with Speech & Language Impairment	209-211 City Road, London EC1V 1JN		020 7490 9410	www.afasic.org.uk
Home education in theUK – special educational needs				www.he-special.org.uk
Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Children. Information for these communities				www.gypsy-traveller.org

Correspondence Courses

Correspondence courses can be an option for students who prefer to work independently, though they will be required in most cases to follow a structured curriculum and programme of work. Correspondence courses offer a wide range of qualifications at different levels and the organisations offering these courses will advise about arrangements which need to be made for registering with an examination centre and for marking and authenticating coursework. The cost of this option varies depending on the organisation and the qualification chosen, but can prove expensive.

There are an increasing number of organisations offering open and distance learning courses. The following contacts provide a useful start in finding a suitable course and organisation:

- The *Open and Distance Learning Quality Council (ODLQC)* is an independent body which accredits open and distance learning courses. The ODLQC produces a free information leaflet which lists all approved organisations and their courses.
Contact:
Website: www.odlqc.org.uk
- The *Association of British Correspondence Colleges (ABCC)* is a voluntary association of colleges which comply with a code of ethics. Contact: ABCC, PO Box 17926, London SW19 3WB
Tel: 020 8544 9559
Website: www.homestudy.org.uk
Email: info@homestudy.org.uk

Alternative qualifications

The internal assessment component of many UK qualification courses such as Standard Grades, National Qualifications and GCSEs can restrict the choice available to home educated students. The following qualifications have, however, been identified as particularly suited to home study students as they are not dependent on internal assessment and moderation.

International Certificate of Christian Education

ICCE Global

Maranatha House, Unit 5, Northford Close, Shrivenham, SN6 8HL
Tel: 01793 787984

Website: <https://www.icce.education/>

Email: info@icce.education Christian Education Europe

Examining boards

The Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA)

The AQA is one of three unitary examining bodies in England incorporating the now merged Associated Examining Board and the Northern Examinations and Assessment Board. The AQA also has responsibility for the City and Guilds' GNVQ qualification.

AQA, 2nd Floor, Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9LT
Tel: 0800 197 7162

Website: www.aqa.org.uk

Email: eos@aqa.org.uk

Oxford Cambridge & RSA (OCR)

OCR is one of three unitary examining bodies in England incorporating the RSA (Royal Society of Arts), UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate), and MEG (Midland Examining Group).

Contact:

Website: www.ocr.org.uk

OCR Information Bureau, General Qualifications: Tel: 01223 553998

Email: general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

OCR Information Bureau, Vocational Qualifications:

Tel: 02476 851509

Email: vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

Edexcel

Edexcel was formed in 1996 by the merger of BTEC and the University of London Examinations and Assessment Council (ULEAC). Edexcel is one of the main examination boards for England and Wales.

Edexcel, 80 Strand, London, WC2R 0RL Tel: 0845 618 0440

Website: www.edexcel.org.uk Email: students@pearson.com

Examinations & Examination centres

Parents will need to fund any examinations that they wish their child to sit. Parents have the flexibility to choose the examination board most suited to their child.

Parents can get a copy of the chosen board's examination syllabus and they will need to find a centre which will allow the child to sit the examination. Some home educating parents find IGCSEs to be more appropriate than GCSEs since it is based predominantly on final examinations and there is less coursework that needs to be supervised at school. The major examination boards for GCSEs/IGCSEs are Edexcel, AQA and OCR.

These centres welcome private candidates to take all IGCSE, GCSE and A Levels. To make enquiries regarding test dates, availability and pricing please contact them directly.

Establishment	Address	Phone	Website
The Skills Hub	Old School Building, Providence Road, Yiewsley, Middx UB7 8HJ	01895 447 102	www.theskillshub.org

Ealing Independent College	83 New Broadway, Ealing, London W5 5AL	020 8579 6668	www.ealingindependentcollege.com/admissions-external-candidates
Acorn House College	39-47 High Street, Southall, London, UB1 3HF	020 85719900	www.acornhousecollege.com/courses/external-candidates

A number of London based Test Centres can be found on the following websites
www.privateexamcentre.co.uk
www.examcentrelondon.co.uk

Post-16 Options

Please visit our website to find a range of local providers and programmes that are available to help young people who are not in education, employment or training. Also, a careers guide has been created for parents which provides information that they will need to help their teenage children make the right choices to create successful futures after GCSEs and sixth form.

[Education, employment and training support for young people - Hillingdon Council](#)

Hillingdon Support Services

The Send Advisory Service offer support to parents of children and young people with SEND and the professionals that work with these families via an advice line. They can help with resources/activities or just general advice during these uncertain times.

Hillingdon Educational Psychology Service provides support for any parent or carer of children, who feels they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. You might want to discuss anxiety, children's emotional needs, bereavement or how to best look after yourself.

[Support and resources for children and young people with SEND and their families - Hillingdon Council](#)

Hillingdon Library

You'll find a huge range of reading, learning and entertainment resources at your local library and online. There is free Wi-Fi, computer and web access too. Hillingdon residents may join using their Hillingdon First card and one additional proof of address (for example, a recent utility bill, driving licence) is required. You will be asked to fill in an application form.

If you do not have a Hillingdon First card, visit your local library with two proofs of ID including proof of address. You will be asked to fill in an application form and be issued with a library card. www.hillingdon.gov.uk/findlibrary

Start learning an instrument

Hillingdon Music Hub offers different ways for children to start learning musical instruments: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music

Brilliant Parents

Brilliant Parents provides parenting courses and support for families and they specialise in parenting programmes for early years children and teenagers. Their training programmes support families by introducing new parenting techniques which can help mums, dads and carers deal with difficult behaviour in children aged from toddler to teenager.

[Brilliant Parents - Be the best parent you can be!](#)

Support for families with children who have special educational needs or disabilities

The NHS Children Integrated Therapy Service provides lots of advice and support regarding speech and language, physio and occupational therapy.

[Children Integrated Therapy Service :: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust \(cnwl.nhs.uk\)](#)

Caudwell Children has recently launched their Get Sensory Packs. The pack has been created to provide affordable sensory equipment to support disabled children during this especially difficult time. They are available for children who have a confirmed disability or chronic illness.

[Get Sensory Packs](#)

Family Fund also provides support to low income families with disabled and critically ill children, including helping them to buy specialist equipment and devices.

[Family Fund](#)

Educational Tutors

You may be thinking about employing a tutor or may even already have one to help you provide home education. The national lockdown led to major growth in this area, especially online.

Anyone can set up as a tutor, there are no registration procedures and they aren't required to have an Enhanced DBS (criminal record) check. We recommend that parents and carers ask to see a DBS, and also check and take up references (speaking to them if they can).

The London Grid for London has prepared a leaflet to help support parents to select the right tutor, establish clear rules and help the child understand what they should know too.

[Online Tutors – Keeping Children Safe – SafeBlog from LGfL DigiSafe](#)

Online safety

Childnet have a range of free, video resources which families can use together to support internet safety

[For 3-7 year olds - Childnet](#)

[For 7-11 year olds - Childnet](#)

[For 11-14 year olds - Childnet](#)

[For 14-18 year olds - Childnet](#)

Wizcase – complete guide to setting up parent controls on devices
[The Complete Guide to Online Parental Controls \(wizcase.com\)](http://wizcase.com)

Opportunities for Young People Aged 13+

Young Enterprise Company Programme provides a real-life learning opportunity that introduces young people to the realities of the world of work.

Participants set up and run their own “student” company. They make all the decisions about their business, from deciding on their company name and product to managing the company finances. Participants can promote and sell to the public through pop-up shops and our new online store, YE Trading Station.

[Enterprise Programmes - Young Enterprise & Young Money \(young-enterprise.org.uk\)](http://young-enterprise.org.uk)

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is many things to many people. A life-changing experience. A fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers. There are three progressive levels Bronze, Silver and Gold. They involve helping the community / environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and working with a team on a residential activity. The Award is non-competitive instead it’s about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries so any young person regardless of ability, gender, background or location can take part. To enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award through the Hillingdon DofE programme participants must be resident in the borough.

[DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](http://www.dofe.org)

