

THE EXCHANGE WATFORD

EDUCATION GUIDE



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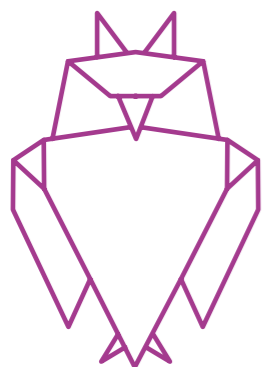
SMART THINKING

Situated in the heart of Watford, The Exchange offers a superb choice of schools in the town itself or the surrounding countryside.

There are well-regarded state primary and secondary schools, including top performing grammar schools, just a short walk or bicycle ride from The Exchange. The independent sector offers further options, with day schools and boarding schools of different sizes, co-educational or single sex.

For older students, Watford is ideally positioned in the 'golden triangle' formed by the university cities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, with easy access to their world-class institutions.

With such a broad choice available, a home at The Exchange gives access to the full spectrum of educational opportunities, so every child and young person can thrive.





FIRST CLASS UNIVERSITIES

Thanks to its proximity to fast transport connections, The Exchange puts some of the country's – and the world's – leading universities within easy reach.

University of Cambridge

<div>Middlesex University London</div> <div>11.8 miles/19 km 21 mins by car</div>	<div>University of Hertfordshire UH</div> <div>11.9 miles/19.2 km 30 mins by car</div>	<div>Brunel University London</div> <div>17.5 miles/28.2 km 31 mins by car</div>	
<div><p>University College London, which operates as UCL, is a major public research university located in London. UCL is a member institution of the federal University of London, and is the second-largest university in the United Kingdom by total enrolment and the largest by postgraduate enrolment.</p><div>UCL</div><div>18.1 miles/29.1 km 30 mins by train</div></div>			<div>University of Bedfordshire</div> <div>18.5 miles/29.8 km 30 mins by car</div>
<div>Royal College of Art</div> <div>19.1 miles/30.7 km 49 mins by train & tube</div>	<div>UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON The Career University</div> <div>19.3 miles/31.1 km 41 mins by car</div>	<div>CITY UNIVERSITY LONDON</div> <div>19.4 miles/31.2 km 46 mins by train</div>	
<div>ual: london college of fashion</div> <div>19.8 miles/31.9 km 33 mins by train & tube</div>	<div>Imperial College London</div> <div>20 miles/32.2 km 51 mins by train</div>	<div>KING'S College LONDON</div> <div>20.1 miles/32.3 km 40 mins by train</div>	
<div>LSE THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ■</div> <div>20.4 miles/32.8 km 50 mins by train & tube</div>	<div>ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</div> <div>25.6 miles/41.2 km 38 mins by car</div>	<div>Kingston University London</div> <div>37.4 miles/60.2 km 53 mins by car</div>	
<div>University of Reading</div> <div>41 miles/66 km 59 mins by car</div>	<div>UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD</div> <div>49.2 miles/79.2 km 1 hour 5 mins by car</div>	<div>UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE</div> <div>50.5 miles/81.3 km 1 hour 17 mins by car</div>	

Travel times and distances are approximate. Fastest journey times shown. Sources: Google Maps and nationalrail.co.uk

SECONDARY EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS

From The Exchange you can reach some of the country’s leading independent schools, including Eton College and Harrow School. With day, boarding, single sex and co-educational options available, there is plenty of choice to suit different children.

SECONDARY SCHOOL	DISTANCE (miles/km)	TRAVEL TIME	
		BY CAR	BY BICYCLE
St Margaret’s School (Senior)	3/4.8	14 mins	23 mins
Immanuel College (Senior)	4.2/6.8	16 mins	25 mins
Merchant Taylors’ School (Senior for boys)	4.1/6.7	14 mins	25 mins
The Royal Masonic School for Girls (Senior)	4.7/7.6	14 mins	26 mins
St Helen’s (Senior for girls)	5.3/8.5	22 mins	26 mins
The Haberdashers’ Boys’ School (Senior)	6/9.6	18 mins	30 mins
The Haberdashers’ Girls’ School (Senior)	6/9.6	18 mins	30 mins
St Albans School (Senior for boys)	7.2/11.6	24 mins	35 mins
North London Collegiate School (Senior for girls)	7.5/12.1	21 mins	41 mins
Harrow School (Boarding school for boys)	8/12.9	25 mins	45 mins
Berkhamsted (Senior)	11.1/17.9	22 mins	1 hr
Haileybury School (Boarding and day school)	22.4/36	47 mins	N/A
Eton College (Boarding school for boys)	23.5/37.8	35 mins	N/A

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THE HABERDASHERS’ GIRLS’ SCHOOL AND
HABERDASHERS’ BOYS’ SCHOOL

6 miles/9.6 km 18 mins by car

The two Haberdashers’ schools are leading independent day schools for girls and boys aged four to 18. They share a leafy 100-acre campus in Hertfordshire, so provide the best of both worlds: single-sex education in a co-educational environment.

Both achieve excellent academic results and provide an array of extra-curricular activities, including orchestras, choirs, a wide range of sports, art, craft, language clubs, debating and drama.

habsgirls.org.uk

habsboys.org.uk

MERCHANT TAYLORS’ SCHOOL

4.1 miles/6.7 km 14 mins by car

Merchant Taylors’ is one of the country’s ‘Great Nine’ schools, founded in 1561 by the Merchant Taylors’ Company. The school is academically highly successful but is also well known for its exceptional extra-curricular provision, especially in music and sport, and its unique tutorial system with each boy assigned a tutor who looks after him throughout his time at the school.

Facilities are superb and give every boy the opportunity to find several things at which he, personally, can excel.

The school is situated on a stunning campus of 285 acres with easy access from the Metropolitan Line, and runs coaches from inner London to the home counties.

mtsn.org.uk

Roddy Paine (photographer) © Harrow School

HARROW SCHOOL

8 miles/12.9 km 25 mins by car

Harrow is one of the most prestigious public schools in the world, offering full boarding for boys aged 13 to 18.

Founded in 1572 under a Royal Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth I, the school is located in a leafy 300-acre estate in north west London. The superb facilities include an observatory, farm, golf course, fishing lake, tennis courts and swimming pool, as well as a theatre, concert hall and art studios.

As well as the original school, Harrow has established international schools in China, Thailand and Hong Kong, with more due to open in India, Japan and the USA.

harrowschool.org.uk

ETON COLLEGE

23.5 miles/37.8 km 35 mins by car

Founded in 1440 by Henry VI, Eton College is one of the most famous schools in the world. It is where 19 British prime ministers, including David Cameron and Boris Johnson, were educated.

Today it offers an exceptional educational experience for boys aged 13 to 18. The broad curriculum features 28 subjects, including 10 modern and classical languages. Life outside the classroom is equally rich with opportunities in drama, film, music, art, an extensive range of sports, and societies that attract leading figures as speakers.

etoncollege.com

SECONDARY EDUCATION

STATE &
GRAMMAR
SCHOOLS

Watford has an excellent reputation for secondary education, with several schools that achieve high results and offer a wide ranging extra-curricular programme.

SECONDARY SCHOOL	DISTANCE (miles/km)	TRAVEL TIME		
		BY CAR	BY BICYCLE	ON FOOT
Watford Grammar School for Boys	1.2/2	4 mins	6 mins	28 mins
Watford Grammar School for Girls	1.4/2.3	6 mins	8 mins	28 mins
Westfield Academy	1.8/2.9	8 mins	9 mins	39 mins
Garston Manor School	2.4/3.9	12 mins	13 mins	50 mins
Queens' School	2.6/4.2	9 mins	15 mins	50 mins
St Michael's Catholic High School	2.6/4.2	11 mins	15 mins	51 mins
Parmiter's School	2.9/4.7	15 mins	17 mins	58 mins

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PARMITER'S SCHOOL

2.9 miles/4.7 km
16 mins by bicycle

Parmiter's can trace its origins to the will of silk merchant Thomas Parmiter. He left property to endow six almshouses and 'one free school house or room' in Bethnal Green, East London. Over the years, it grew into a thriving boys' grammar school. In 1977, the Trustees decide to move Parmiter's to its current location as an all-ability, co-educational school.

Today it is a sought-after secondary school for boys and girls, and one of the highest performing state schools in the country by value added. It also offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities, personal development programme, and excellent careers guidance.

parmiters.herts.sch.uk

WESTFIELD ACADEMY

1.8 miles/2.9 km
9 mins by bicycle

Westfield Academy is a popular and high performing secondary school, with exam results that are consistently amongst the highest for a non-selective school in the South West Hertfordshire area. In 2016, the school moved into brand new, purpose built premises, with excellent sports facilities including a dance studio, sports hall, badminton courts and 36 astro pitches.

As well as a full range of traditional GCSE subjects, Westfield Academy offers BTEC and other vocational courses, plus a rich programme of extra-curricular clubs, activities and sports teams. Students also receive extra football coaching from Watford FC's coaches.

westfield.herts.sch.uk

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

1.2 miles/2 km
6 mins by bicycle

Originally a charity school founded in 1704 by local philanthropist Elizabeth Fuller, Watford Grammar School for Boys achieves high standards in academic study, sport, music, drama and other activities. watfordboys.org

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

1.4 miles/2.3 km
8 mins by bicycle

Sharing its origins with the boys' school, Watford Grammar School for Girls has a long tradition of academic excellence, as well as many extra-curricular opportunities. It achieves superb results: 37% of all GCSE results were grade 8 or 9 in 2024.

watfordgrammarschoolforgirls.org.uk





NURSERY & PRIMARY EDUCATION

Children can get a head start with the excellent range of nurseries and primary schools close to The Exchange. The independent sector offers even more choice for boys and girls.

NURSERY EDUCATION

NURSERY SCHOOL	DISTANCE (miles/km)	TRAVEL TIME		
		BY CAR	BY BICYCLE	ON FOOT
Bright Horizons The Park Nursery and Preschool	1/1.6	4 mins	5 mins	24 mins
Harebreaks Preschool	1.5/2.4	9 mins	8 mins	22 mins
Cassiobury Nursery School	1.7/2.7	7 mins	10 mins	32 mins
The Laurance Haines Primary & Nursery School	1.8/2.9	8 mins	11 mins	40 mins
Coates Way Junior Mixed Infant & Nursery School	2.3/3.7	10 mins	12 mins	47 mins

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Nascot Wood Junior School
0.9 miles/1.5 km 18 mins on foot
Local junior school offering a broad and balanced curriculum, with large playing field, woodland and swimming pool.
nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk

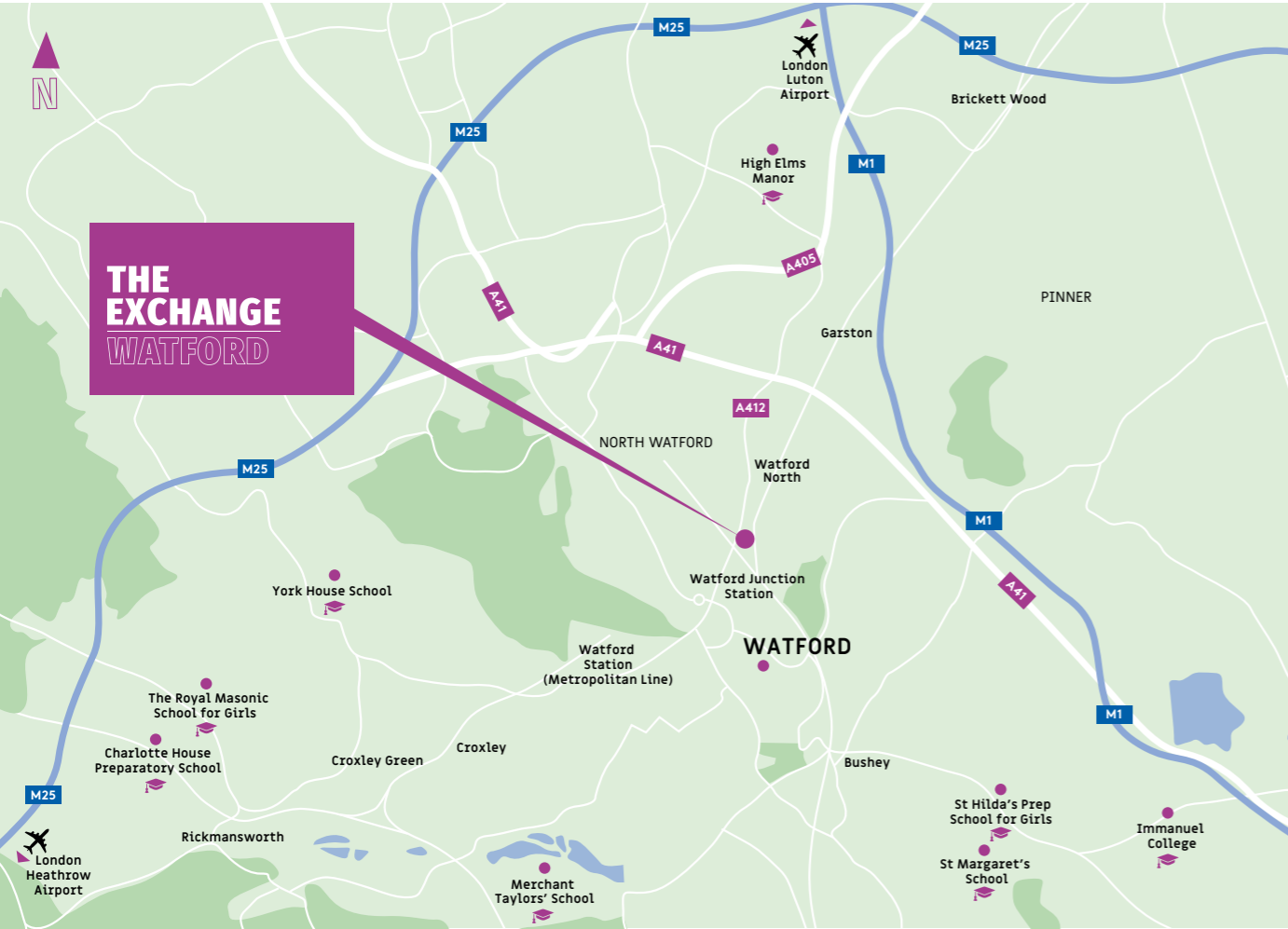
The Haberdashers' Girls' School
6 miles/9.6 km 18 mins by car
Leading independent day school for girls with a huge range of extra-curricular activities.
habsgirls.org.uk

York House School
3.8 miles/6.1 km 12 mins by car
Preparatory school for boys and girls set on a 47-acre site with extensive grounds and facilities.
york-house.com

PRIMARY SCHOOL	DISTANCE (miles/km)	TRAVEL TIME		
		BY CAR	BY BICYCLE	ON FOOT
Watford St John's Church of England Primary School	0.8/1.3	5 mins	5 mins	15 mins
Lanchester Community Free School	0.9/1.4	3 mins	6 mins	17 mins
Nascot Wood Junior School	0.9/1.5	4 mins	6 mins	18 mins
The Orchard Primary School	1.2/1.9	6 mins	9 mins	23 mins
Cassiobury Infant and Junior School	1.7/2.7	7 mins	10 mins	32 mins
St Hilda's Prep School for Girls	3/4.8	13 mins	21 mins	58 mins
St Margaret's School (Junior)	3/4.8	14 mins	23 mins	N/A
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	3.2/5.1	15 mins	20 mins	N/A
High Elms Manor	3.8/6.1	12 mins	18 mins	N/A
York House School	3.8/6.1	12 mins	23 mins	N/A
Immanuel College (Preparatory)	4.2/6.8	16 mins	25 mins	N/A
Merchant Taylors' Preparatory School	4.2/6.7	14 mins	26 mins	N/A
The Royal Masonic School for Girls (Junior)	4.7/7.6	14 mins	26 mins	N/A
Charlotte House Preparatory School	4.9/7.9	15 mins	32 mins	N/A
St Helen's (Junior for girls)	5.3/8.5	22 mins	26 mins	N/A
The Haberdashers' Boys' School (Preparatory)	6/9.6	18 mins	30 mins	N/A
The Haberdashers' Girls' School (Junior)	6/9.6	18 mins	30 mins	N/A
Reddiford School	6.3/10.1	24 mins	45 mins	N/A
North London Collegiate School (Junior for girls)	7.5/12.1	21 mins	41 mins	N/A
Berkhamsted School (Preparatory)	11.1/17.9	22 mins	1 hr	N/A

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HOW TO FIND US




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 **DIRECTIONS FROM
WATFORD JUNCTION STATION
(PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY)**
4 MINUTES, 0.5KM

Exit the station and walk north-west along Station Road. Turn right onto St Albans Road and continue walking north along it. The Exchange will be on your right.

 **DRIVING FROM M25**
12 minutes, 8km

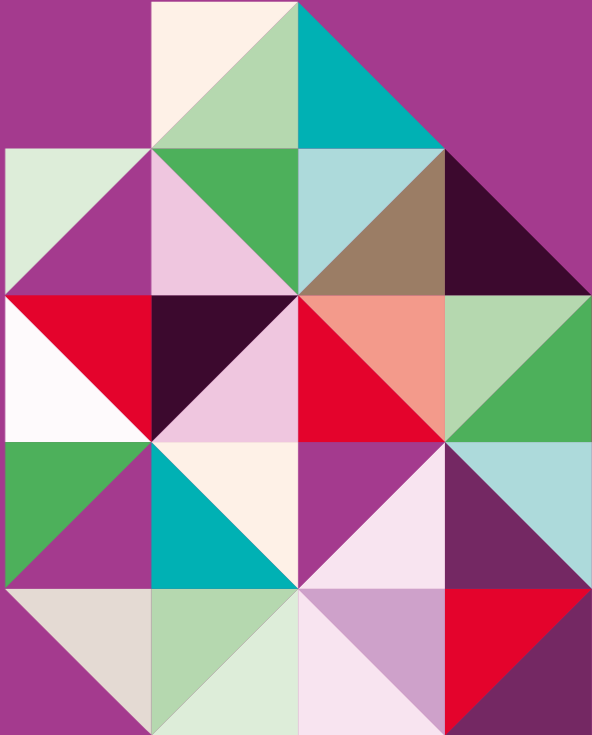
Exit the M25 at Junction 19, using the two left lanes to turn onto the A41/North Western Avenue. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto the A41/North Western Avenue. Continue to The Dome roundabout and take the fourth exit onto the A412/St Albans Road. Drive down St Albans Road and The Exchange will be on your left.

 **DRIVING FROM M1**
10 minutes, 4km

Exit the M1 at Junction 5, taking the A41 to Watford. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto the A4008/Stephenson Way. At the next roundabout, take the second exit, then the third exit onto Radlett Road at the following roundabout. Take the first exit at the next roundabout onto Balmoral Road, then turn left onto the A412/St Albans Road. The Exchange will be on your left.



The information in this document is indicative and is intended to act as a guide only. Transport and travel times from google.co.uk/maps and nationalrail.co.uk. Map is not to scale and shows approximate locations only. Lifestyle photography are indicative only. The Exchange is a marketing name and will not necessarily form part of the approved postal address. Applicants are advised to contact Berkeley to ascertain the availability of any particular property. E746/02CA/0924.



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