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Dear Parent or Carer

Schools that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10

You are receiving this letter because the Government has made it a legal requirement that all Local Authorities must write to parents and carers of all pupils in Year 9 to tell them about schools in or within travelling distance of the Local Authority area that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10.

The Government wishes to ensure that parents and carers are well informed about all the options available for children of this age.

This does not mean that you have to move your child to another school – for the great majority of children the school they are already attending will remain the most appropriate place for them to continue their education. So if this is of no interest to you, please disregard this letter.

Schools which admit pupils in Year 10 are called University Technical Colleges (UTCs) or Studio Schools.

UTCs are set up by universities and business and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In years 10 and 11 they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. You can find out more at <https://bakerdearing.org/>

Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience.

The table below contains details of the Brit School which is located in Croydon. A full list of all relevant schools in London and the surrounding area is available at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/school-admissions/utc>

The application process is set out on the website for each school.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Education

School located in Croydon

Name and Address	Age on entry and cohort size	Specialisms	Where is it?	How to apply
The BRIT School. 60 The Crescent Croydon CR0 2HN	Age on entry: 14 Cohort: 200	Dance, Film & media production, Music, Musical theatre, Interactive digital design, Theatre, Visual arts & design	Selhurst	https://www.brit.croydon.sch.uk/admissions or contact the School for a prospectus. Applications open in September 2026 for admissions in September 2027. Please see school website for closing dates.