



## Parent Power 2023: The Times releases its list of Best UK schools & league table

How did secondary school pupils fare from the pandemic – find out in this year’s Sunday Times Parent Power guide to UK schools.

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It’s a win for the girls in this year’s [Sunday Times Parent Power 2023](#) guide to best [schools](#) in the UK with single-sex schools topping the [tables](#) in both state and private sectors.

Sunday Times has published the 30th edition of its Parent Power guide to the best national and regional [schools](#) of the year. Amongst its findings, the Times identifies the highest-achieving schools in the UK based on their own criterion.

Parent Power is widely acknowledged and holds more than 1,600 schools in its database. If a parent, student, or teacher wants to find out about a [school](#)’s performance, they can search it by name, local authority, town and postcode.

### Most Popular

Central to this year’s findings is the emphasis successful [schools](#) are placing on student well-being and self-care where pupils can access efficient, effective and non-judgmental support to get back on track and improve their experience at [school](#).

Helen Davies, editor of The Sunday Times Parent Power guide, says: “These have been a challenging few years for teachers, pupils and their parents, and the success of many in our league table is testament to the stamina and support shown by all concerned.

“It is also clear that more attention is being placed on well-being and mental health – from meditation rooms to counselling support, even therapy dogs – and schools are being proactive to bring about positive changes.

“League tables are not the only criteria a parent can use when choosing a school, but they are a good starting point. We want to celebrate excellence. We want to champion schools that are doing wonderful work.

“We want our children to be well-nurtured and well-taught. In choosing a school parents are making one of the biggest decisions in their family life, and Parent Power and The Sunday Times is here to help.”



Henrietta Barnett School topped the Times' national list for academic performance

The Sunday Times **Schools** Guide, Parent Power, was first published in 1993. As well as a print section in the newspaper, there is a fully-

searchable online database allowing users to search schools by postcode, town, local authority and school name.

But who won The Sunday Times' national and regional school of the year awards?

## **The Sunday Times Parent Power 2023 national school of the year**

### **The top secondary school for academic performance**

- Henrietta Barnett School (grammar school for girls), Hampstead, London

### **Secondary school of the year**

- Wycombe High School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

### **Comprehensive school of the year**

- St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford, Surrey

### **Top independent school for academic performance**

- St Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green, London

### **Independent school of the year**

The Times' research found single-sex schools were excelling by taking a greater interest in student well-being

- Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, London

### **International Baccalaureate school of the year**

- Godolphin and Latymer, Hammersmith, London

## **The Sunday Times Parent Power 2023 regional school of the year**

## **East Anglia**

**Secondary School of the Year** - King Edward VI Grammar School,  
Chelmsford

**Independent School of the Year** - Norwich High School for Girls

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance** - The Perse  
School, Cambridge

## **East Midlands**

**Secondary School of the Year** - The King's School, Grantham

**Comprehensive of the Year** - Northampton School for Boys

**Independent School of the Year** - Nottingham High School

## **West Midlands**

**Secondary School of the Year** - King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-  
Avon

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance** - King Edward  
VI High School for Girls, Birmingham

## **London**

**Secondary School of the Year** - Mossbourne Community Academy, Hackney  
Downs

**Comprehensive School of the Year** - The Coopers' Company and Coborn  
School, Upminster

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance** - St Paul's  
Girls' School, Brook Green

## **The North**

**Secondary School of the Year for Academic Performance - Ripon Grammar School**

**Comprehensive School of the Year - Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley**

**Independent School of the Year - Sheffield High School for Girls**

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance - Queen Ethelburga's College**

### **The Northeast**

**Comprehensive School of the Year - Durham Johnston Comprehensive School**

**Independent School of the Year - Dame Allan's School (Girls' and Boys'), Newcastle upon Tyne**

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance - Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne**

### **The Northwest**

**Secondary School of the Year - Altrincham Grammar School for Girls**

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance - Withington Girls' School, Manchester**

### **The Southeast**

**Secondary School of the Year - Wycombe High School, High Wycombe**

**Comprehensive School of the Year - St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford**

**Independent School of the Year for Academic Performance - Guildford High School**

### **The Southwest**

**Secondary School of the Year - Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham**

**Comprehensive School of the Year - The Cotswold School, Bourton-on-the-Water**

**Independent Secondary School of the Year - Cheltenham Ladies' College  
Wales**

**Secondary School of the Year - Ysgol Bro Preseli, Pembrokeshire**

**Independent Secondary School of the Year - Cardiff Sixth Form College**

**Northern Ireland**

**Secondary School of the Year - St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt**

**Scotland**

**Secondary School of the Year - Williamwood High School, Glasgow**

**Secondary School of the Year for Academic Performance - Jordanhill,  
Glasgow**

You can view the full list on the **[Sunday Times Parent Power website.](#)**