

Welcome to the SHSG Launchpad

Each year SHSG is successful in helping more local girls aspire to a Grammar School education. The SHSG Launchpad is a series of events designed to give your daughter a flavour of Grammar School life and extend her experience of and understanding in a variety of subjects. She will also have the opportunity to familiarise herself with some of the skills that she will need to demonstrate in the 11+. They start as a series of Saturday Schools followed by four after school 11+ familiarisation sessions. You can sign up for as many of the Saturday Schools as you would like and/or the 11+ familiarisation sessions.



Saturday Schools



19th January 2019, 9.30am -12.30pm - Express Yourself...

Students take part in a morning of creative expression trying their hand at Art, Music, Drama and Technology. The sessions will be active and hands on giving the students the opportunity to explore the full range of creative facilities that we have at SHSG.



30th March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm - The Story Factory...

Drawing on the skills of the English, Geography, Psychology and Sociology departments students will learn how to write stories that will excite and delight the reader. They will combine an understanding of how the brain works in order to really get into the minds of their characters. They will see how context adds to the realism of a story and learn some devices that authors use to keep us on the edge of our chairs.



15th June 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm - Space Mission...

A space themed day with a series of interstellar missions that will draw on all three sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Students will find themselves analysing space rock, hunting for alien life forms (Water Bears) and building a rocket capable of delivering a probe into space.



29th June 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm - GLAM...

Our legendary GLAM (Girls Leading Applied mathematics) maths session returns. These maths masterclasses broaden the pupils' horizons of Maths beyond the constraints of the curriculum. Active learning is very much the order of the day with the students trying magic number tricks, using iPads and exploring patterns.

11+ Familiarisation Sessions

We will also be running our very popular 11+ Familiarisation sessions again this year. These consist of a meeting (parents only) to talk through how the 11+ works and then two Maths and two English sessions.

- Tuesday 21st May or Thursday 23rd May 2019 – Parents' 11+ familiarisation meeting (parents only)
- Tuesday 4th June 2019, Tuesday 11th June 2019, Tuesday 18th June 2019 and Tuesday 25th June 2019 – 4pm-5pm - 2 x Maths and 2 x English sessions.

Due to the popularity of these sessions places are limited. We will endeavour to place your daughter in as many of the Saturday Schools that she would like to attend/we can accommodate. An administration fee of £5 per Saturday School session and £20 for the four 11+ familiarisation sessions will be charged and will be payable once your place at each session has been confirmed.

Priority area (SS0-SS9) and pupil premium students will be prioritised. Places will be free to students who qualify for pupil premium funding. If however you do not qualify but do require financial assistance support may be available. Please indicate this on the application form.

Please apply online on www.shsg.org using the Parents/Year 5 parents tab. You will receive email confirmation of your place shortly after. You will need a username and password to enter your details these are:

Username: year5parent@shsg.org

Password: SHSG4SUCCESS!