



NORTHAMPTON
HIGH SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION
2011 / 2012

INTRODUCTION

In choosing the right school for your daughter there are so many factors to take into consideration. I hope that whatever the entry point, be it the Nursery, Junior School, Senior School or Sixth Form, that you will enjoy looking through our prospectuses which have been specially produced to convey a feeling of what day to day life is like in this busy, happy school.

To complement those prospectuses, we have produced this General Information Book to cover some of the more specific issues that every parent will wish to consider. It cannot possibly answer every question, or indeed provide the first hand experience that a visit can bring, and so I do hope that having looked through the material sent to you, you will wish to come to see us, either at one of our Open Days, or through arranging a private visit.

Sarah Dixon

Sarah Dixon
Headmistress

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ADMISSIONS (ENTRANCE PROCEDURES)

Junior School (3 - 11 year olds)

Toddler Group (age 2 - 3 years)

You are most welcome to bring your child to join us from 1.30 - 3.00pm on Friday afternoons in term-time. Please phone for details.

Nursery (age 3 - 4 years)

Girls may join our Nursery after their third birthday. We have entry points each half term. Once you have looked round the school and decided to register your daughter a place will be reserved for her. We will contact you the term before entry so that you can confirm that the place is still required; we will then arrange visits prior to the starting date.

Reception (age 4 - 5 years)

Girls may join Reception the September after their fourth birthday. Once you have looked round the school and decided to register your daughter a place will be reserved for her. We will contact you in January so that you can confirm the place is still required. A visit is arranged in July, when girls meet their classmates and new teacher.

Years 1 - 6 (age 5 - 11 years)

Once you have registered your daughter, a provisional place will be reserved. We will contact you to arrange a visit for your daughter in the January or February before she is due to start. She will spend a morning or a day with us, in a class with girls of her own age. During the time she is with us, individual or small group assessments will be completed in English and Mathematics. Definite places are offered following successful completion of the assessments and a further visit is arranged in July, when she will meet her classmates and her new teacher.

Nearly all girls transfer to the Senior School at 11 for the next stage of their education.

Senior School (11-18 years old)

Upper Third – Upper Fifth (Years 7 - 11)

There are two main points of entry at 11+ and at 13+ although there may occasionally be vacancies

in other year groups. Once you have registered your daughter, she will be invited to attend the school on a Friday morning in order to take the school's Entrance Examination. This takes place in mid January (14 January 2011) preceding the September in which you wish her to enter the school and consists of tests in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Borderline candidates may be invited back for further tests and interviews at the beginning of February after which places, scholarships and bursaries will be offered. All girls are invited to an Induction Day prior to starting Senior School.

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

The minimum entry requirement is five GCSEs at Grade C or above to include English and Mathematics. This minimum requirement, however, does not necessarily mean that a suitable course can be provided; many subjects require at least a B or A grade in order to start the course.

New girls wishing to join the school have a series of interviews with the Heads of Department in the subjects which they wish to study and a report from their present school is considered. A provisional place may then be offered, which is confirmed when GCSE results are received. The school's Sixth Form Scholarship Examination is held in November and is open to both internal and external candidates.

We are pleased to make individual arrangements to test girls who wish to join the School part way through the school year.

Junior and Senior School

Waiting Lists

We offer places to the majority of girls who achieve a satisfactory standard in the assessments. However, we add girls' names to a waiting list if we are oversubscribed in a particular age group.

Admissions

Following the offer of a place in either Junior or Senior School, if you would like your daughter to start with us we ask that you accept the place by filling in the Admission form and sending it to us with a £350 deposit.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

Open Days

Saturday 8 October 2011

Friday 4 May 2012 – working day

AIMS AND VALUES

Our conviction that each girl has individual needs and abilities is reflected in the school's aims and values, which influence all our curricular and pastoral decision making. We aim to create a stimulating, caring, happy school in which:

- A pupil can realise her academic, creative and athletic potential and achieve success at each stage of her education Curiosity, imagination and enthusiasm for learning are encouraged along with independent and logical thought.
- Confidence, self-discipline and the ability to communicate effectively are developed.
- The needs of the individual, the school and the community are respected and appreciated.
- The personal, moral and spiritual development of each pupil is nurtured.

THE CURRICULUM

Junior School

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery and Reception (3 – 5 years old)

- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Creative Development (including Music),
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Years 1 – 6 (5 – 11 years old)

Art, Dance, Design Technology, English, French, Games, Gymnastics, Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Education), Information Technology, Mathematics, Music, Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, Science and Swimming.

Homework

Younger girls will regularly bring home reading books and may be asked to complete other tasks. Older girls will have set homework linked to the topics they are studying.

Senior School

Key Stage 3

Upper Third to Upper Fourth (Years 7 - 9)

Art, Biology (U4), Careers (U4), Chemistry (U4), Classics, Drama, DT, English, Food, French, Games, Geography, German (L4), PSHE, History, IT, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Physics (U4), Religious Studies, Science (U3 - L4), Spanish (L4), Swimming, Textiles.

Key Stage 4

Lower and Upper Fifth (Years 10 and 11)

Girls usually take nine GCSEs in total.

Compulsory Subjects:

Careers*, Citizenship* (U5 only), English, English Literature, Core Physical Education*, General Divinity*, PSHE*, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language: French/German/Spanish.

Either Dual Award Science or Separate Sciences.

**These subjects are not GCSE courses.*

Optional Subjects:

Art, Drama, Products, Geography, History, Food, Textiles, Latin, a second Modern Foreign Language, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Statistics.

Key Stage 5

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

Girls usually take four AS levels in 6.1 (Year 12).

In 6.2 (Year 13), girls normally take three subjects to A2.

Subjects available:

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Critical Thinking, Design & Technology, Drama and Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, French, Geography, German, Government and Politics, Greek, History, Home Economics, Latin, Mathematics/Further Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Psychology, Physics, Religious Studies, Spanish.

Additional Subject: Russian, Greek, Spanish (to GCSE)

Homework

Homework is set regularly across the curriculum and is an integral part of the educational process.

Further details are provided in the Parents' Handbook.

Special Educational Needs

There is excellent provision for gifted and talented pupils as well as those with specific learning difficulties and the two SEN co-ordinators liaise closely between the two parts of the school.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Junior School

There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities for girls in the Junior School. Details of all the activities on offer are available at the beginning of each term.

These include:

Sports e.g. Hockey, Judo, Netball, Rounders, Swimming, Tennis

Music e.g. Orchestra, Jazz Group, Choir, Recorders, Guitar Group, String Group

Indoor activities e.g. Speech and Drama, Computer Club, Art, Multi-language Club, Yoga

Ballet

Outdoor activities e.g. Riding Club, Gardening Club, Playground Games, Sailing Club

Senior School

Music e.g. Jazz Band, Senior Choir, Senior String Orchestra, String Group, Flute Choir, String Quartet, Orchestra, Recorder Group, Wind Quintet Chamber Choir, Wind Band

Sport e.g. Hockey, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, Trampolining, Rugby, Badminton, Squash, Football

Performing Arts e.g. Junior and Senior Drama Clubs, Dance Clubs, School Production rehearsals, LAMDA, Ballet

Creative Arts e.g. Printmaking, Craft, Ceramics, Photography

We also offer: Art Club, Craft Club, Product Design Club, Textiles Club, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Public Speaking, Book Group, Eco-Team, Eco- Team Gardening Club, Maths Club, Chess Club, French/German/Spanish News, 'Young Enterprise' Business Competition, Outward Bound, World Challenge.

UNIFORM

Uniform is obtained from SchoolBlazer and ordered online. Details are provided in the Parents' Handbook which is given to parents when places have been accepted.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2011

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Term ends: Thursday 15 December

Spring Term 2012

Term starts: Thursday 5 January

Half term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Term ends: Friday 30 March

Summer Term 2012

Term starts: Tuesday 24 April

Half term: Monday 4 June to Friday 8 June

Term Ends: Tuesday 10 July

Autumn Term 2012

Term starts: Wednesday 5 September 2012

THE SCHOOL DAY

Junior School

Registration 8.40 am – End of Day 3.25pm

Senior School

Registration 8.30 am – End of Day 3.35 pm

Nursery

Care is provided from 7.45am to 6.00pm in term time. Girls arrive between 7.45am and 9.00am and join in with activities linked to the week's theme. Nutritious meals are provided, including breakfast (before 8.30am), and are cooked on site by our catering staff.

Girls attending our Nursery are currently eligible for the Early Years Grant. Flexible sessions are available on a weekly basis and parents may opt for a combination of mornings, afternoons and full days. Girls are expected to attend for a minimum of five sessions. Changes to sessions can be made before the start of each term in writing. Lunch can be added on to the morning session for a small charge.

Before School Care

Breakfast Clubs

Junior School

Girls are welcome to arrive from 7.45am. Reception and Year 1 girls can breakfast in the Early Years area. They may have breakfast and chat to their friends or join in with the activities set up for them.

Girls from year 2 upwards go to the Dining Hall when they arrive and may also have breakfast or play games and chat to their friends. Our family library is also open from 8.00am and girls may come and read, or borrow books with the help of a member of staff, their parents and our Librarian.

Senior School

Girls may arrive from 8.00am onwards. They go to their form rooms or may go to the dining room for breakfast.

There is no charge for early supervision but breakfast is charged separately.

After-School Care

Junior School

There are many extra-curricular activities which take place after school and usually finish by 4.30pm.

After-School Club takes place every evening until 6.00pm. Girls may participate in a wide range of activities including art and craft, traditional board games, cooking and ball games. Parents can book places in After-School Club in advance and may collect their daughter at any time during the session. Last minute places are generally available and may be booked on the day. A snack is provided at the start of the session. The cost is £7.80 per evening or less depending on length of stay.

Late Prep is also available for girls in Years 5 & 6 (9-11 year olds) who wish to do homework. This is supervised by a member of staff, from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Girls may then go on to After-School Club until 6.00pm.

Senior School

There are many extra-curricular activities which take place after school and usually finish by 5.00pm.

Late Prep

This is a supervised prep for girls who wish to stay in school to work. Late Prep is for silent, private study and takes place in classrooms, the IT room and the Library. Girls may sign out and leave Late Prep at 4.30 pm or 5.00pm to be collected. After-School Club is available until 6.00pm.

FEES/BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees

Junior School (3-11 years old)

Nursery Class

Morning Session 7.45 am - 12 noon

£19 per session (includes breakfast)

Lunch Session 12 noon - 1 pm £7.20

Afternoon Session 12 noon - 3.25 pm

£19 per session (includes lunch)

Reception, Year 1 and 2 £2,819* per term

Year 3 to Year 6 £2,730 per term

Senior School (11-18 years old)

Upper Third to Sixth Form

Upper Third, Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth

£3,731* per term

Lower Fifth and Upper Fifth £3,573 per term

Sixth Form £3,545* per term

*Fee includes lunch – currently not applied to all year groups.

Extra Subjects

Individual Music lessons £152 per term

Ballet £36 - £43 per term

Scholarships

- At 11+ Academic, Arts and Sports Scholarships are available.
- At 13+ Academic Scholarships are available to girls within the Senior School and those new to the School.
- In the Sixth Form, Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the Sixth Form Scholarship Examination in the November prior to entry.
- Girls can only hold one scholarship at any time but may compete for further scholarships. If successful and the new scholarship has greater value than the former, then the new one will supercede the one they hold.

Bursaries

There is a Bursary Scheme to enable parents to apply for financial assistance.

TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN GDST SCHOOLS

Sometimes pupils have to move home mid-course (or have other special circumstances) and want to transfer to another GDST school. We want to support such transfers, as long as they are the right ones educationally, and assess every case individually. A transfer will usually be agreed provided that there is a place available, and that the Head of the new school judges that the pupil will thrive there. The previous Head's recommendation is sought and some form of admissions assessment may be needed.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Copies of policies can be found on our website in the 'Parents' Information' section and they are provided in the Parents' Handbook given prior to your daughter starting.

SCHOOL MEALS

The school provides an excellent choice of nutritious meals. Breakfast and lunch are cooked on site; the majority of girls have school dinners but packed lunch is an option. The cost of lunch if in a year group where it is not built into the fee is £2.90 per day.

ASSEMBLY

It is hoped that parents of all faiths and beliefs will want their children to take part in the School's Assembly, but they are, of course, free to withdraw their daughter if they wish to do so. In this event parents should make their request in writing to the Headmistress.

EXAM RESULTS 2010/2011

GCSE RESULTS

Northampton High School pupils have achieved fantastic GCSE results again with even better results than last year. More than a third of all grades were A* and two thirds of all grades were at A*/A. An outstanding 14% of the year group gained all A* grades.

| Subject | Total Entry | A* | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | X | % A* | % A*-A | % A*-C |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|----|----|----|-------|--------|--------|
| Art & Design | 21 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76.2% | 85.7% | 100% |
| Biology | 16 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31.3% | 75% | 100% |
| Chemistry | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37.5% | 68.8% | 100% |
| D&T Product Design | 8 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 50% | 100% |
| D&T Textiles Technology | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42.9% | 71.4% | 100% |
| Drama | 10 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 40% | 100% |
| English Language | 65 | 18 | 24 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27.7% | 64.6% | 100% |
| English Literature | 65 | 21 | 31 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32.3% | 80% | 100% |
| French | 52 | 19 | 5 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36.5% | 46.2% | 92.3% |
| Geography | 39 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46.2% | 69.2% | 97.4% |
| German | 11 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9.1% | 36.4% | 81.8% |
| History | 26 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26.9% | 53.8% | 96.2% |
| Home Economics: Food | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 100% | 100% |
| Information Technology | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50% | 75% | 100% |
| Latin | 19 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36.8% | 73.7% | 94.7% |
| Mathematics | 65 | 22 | 27 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33.8% | 75.4% | 98.5% |
| Music | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66.7% | 66.7% | 100% |
| Physics | 16 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25% | 50% | 100% |
| Religious Studies | 7 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 57.1% | 100% |
| Science Single Award | 24 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.3% | 29.2% | 91.7% |
| Science Single Year 10 | 25 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40% | 80% | 100% |
| Science: Additional | 49 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34.7% | 55.1% | 93.9% |
| Spanish | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75% | 87.5% | 100% |
| Sport / PE Studies | 19 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 57.9% | 100% |
| Statistics | 25 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64% | 92.2% | 100% |
| Total | 604 | 202 | 194 | 139 | 54 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| % of Total | | 33.4% | 32.1% | 23.0% | 8.9% | 2.2% | 0.3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | | |

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Accounting and Finance - **Bristol City University**
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 Accounting and Finance - **Northampton University**
 Ancient History and Classical Archaeology - **Warwick University**
 Applied Golf Management Studies - **Birmingham University**
 Architecture - **Liverpool University**
 Audio and Recording Technology - **De Montford University**
 Biology - **Sheffield University**
 Biomedical Science - **Warwick University**
 Business Administration - **Kent University**
 Business and Retail Management - **Surrey University**
 Business Management and Social Policy - **Sheffield University**

Classics - **Kings College, London**
 Combined Honours in Arts - **Durham University**
 Classical Civilisation - **Leeds University**
 Combined Honours - **Liverpool University**
 Economics - **Nottingham University**
 Economics and Mathematics - **Edinburgh University**
 Economics with French - **Nottingham University**
 English - **Leicester University**
 English - **Queen Mary University, London**
 English and French - **Sheffield University**
 Fashion and Textile Design - **Southampton University**
 Fashion Communication & Promotion - **Nottingham Trent University**
 Forensic Science - **Lincoln University**

A LEVEL RESULTS

Another year of outstanding A Level results with over a third of pupils achieving three A*/A grades. A fantastic 84% of all grades were A*, A or B and 58% of all grades were A* or A (17% of which were the top grade of A.)

| Subject | Total Entry | A* | A | B | C | D | E | U | X | A*-A | % A*-A | A*-C | % A*-C | A*-E | % A*-E |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Biology | 15 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 33.3% | 13 | 86.7% | 15 | 100% |
| Chemistry | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 37.5% | 7 | 87.5% | 8 | 100% |
| Physics | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 1 | 50.0% | 2 | 100% |
| Mathematics | 12 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 75% | 11 | 91.7% | 12 | 100% |
| Mathematics Further | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66.7% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| Business Studies | 12 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 33.3% | 12 | 100% | 12 | 100% |
| Art & Design | 11 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 81.8% | 11 | 100% | 11 | 100% |
| Geography | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 77.8% | 9 | 100% | 9 | 100% |
| History | 9 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 66.7% | 9 | 100% | 9 | 100% |
| Economics | 10 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 70% | 10 | 100% | 10 | 100% |
| Religious Studies | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 75.0% | 4 | 100% | 4 | 100% |
| Politics | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 100% | 5 | 100% |
| Psychology | 13 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 53.8% | 11 | 84.6% | 13 | 100% |
| English Literature | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 88.9% | 9 | 100% | 9 | 100% |
| Drama | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20% | 5 | 100% | 5 | 100% |
| French | 10 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 90% | 10 | 100% | 10 | 100% |
| German | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66.7% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| Spanish | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% | 3 | 100% |
| Classical Civilisation | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 66.7% | 6 | 100% | 6 | 100% |
| Latin | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 40% | 5 | 100% | 5 | 100% |
| Sport/PE Studies | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| General Studies | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 33.3% | 6 | 100% | 6 | 100% |
| D&T Textiles Technology | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 2 | 100% | 2 | 100% |
| Total | 164 | 28 | 67 | 43 | 19 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| % of Total | | 17% | 41% | 26% | 12% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | | | | | |

French with English - [Kings College, London](#)
 French and Spanish - [Leeds University](#)
 French Studies - [Nottingham University](#)
 Graphic Arts - [Southampton University](#)
 History and Politics - [Oxford University](#)
 International Business - [Manchester Metropolitan University](#)
 International Business - [Nottingham University](#)
 International Relations - [London School of Economics](#)
 Psychology - [Oxford Brookes University](#)
 Psychology with Sociology - [Nottingham Trent University](#)
 Management and Spanish - [Leeds University](#)
 Master of Pharmacy - [London School of Pharmacy](#)
 Mathematics with Astronomy - [Leicester University](#)
 Medicine - [Hull York Medical School](#)

Modern and Contemporary History - [Aberyswyth University](#)
 Modern Languages - [Birmingham University](#)
 Modern Languages - [Exeter University](#)
 Photographic Arts - [Westminster](#)
 Product Design Engineering - [Staffordshire University](#)
 Psychology - [Leeds University](#)
 Psychology - [Lincoln University](#)
 Psychology - [Nottingham Trent University](#)
 Social Policy - [Bristol University](#)
 Theatre and Performance Technology - [Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts](#)
 Veterinary Medicine - [Nottingham University](#)

STAFF LIST

Senior Leadership Team

Headmistress

Mrs S Dixon BA Hons, | PGCE, University of Warwick

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Director of Studies

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Senior School

Senior Teacher

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Art

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Business Studies and Economics

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Classics

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Design Technology

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Drama

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English

Head of English

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Information Technology

Head of IT

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Mathematics

Head of Department

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Music

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Modern Languages

Head of Department

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Mrs S Courtheoux-Allison Licence es Lettres, Rouen, France

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Physical Education (Junior and Senior School)

Head of Department

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Mrs R Littlewood BEd, Liverpool John Moores University

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BUS ROUTES

Listed below are the current School Bus Routes. Estimated departure times can be provided on request.

Route 1 - Earls Barton

Earls Barton, The Square Mears Ashby, The Griffin's Head (pm only) Moulton, PO Great Billing Turn am - Wellingborough Road/jn with Holmfield Way pm - Wellingborough Road bus layby after Norman Rd Abington Park Crescent / Weston Way Rushmere Road / Rushmere Crescent, School

Route 2 - Brixworth

Mawsley Village, 1st roundabout Old, White Horse public house, Scaldwell Road pm only Scaldwell, The Green Northampton Road, just north of jn with Froxhill Crescent, Brixworth (previously known as Rigiflex) Northampton Road, just south of Ryngwell Close, Brixworth Bus stop, Pitsford CP School, Boughton Holly Lodge Drive, Kingsthorpe Birch Barn Way Jn with Gorse Close Acre Lane / Welford Road Kingsthorpe Library Barrack Road / St Georges Ave Horsemarket Street - SOL Central (PM drop only), School

Route 3 - Welford

Welford, West End Jn with Wakefield Drive Guilsborough, The Green West Haddon, opp Pytchley Hotel East Haddon, nr church Great Brington, Main Street near Post Office Harlestone, Fox and Hounds Upper Harlestone (Jn of Pheasantry Road & Upper Harlestone Rd) Rifle Butt Duston Jn Main Road / Ryeland Road Sainsburys High St - Upton One, School

Route 4 - Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes, Tattenhoe Street (V2), bus stop south of junction with Bowland Drive & Langerstone Lane Milton Keynes, Fulmer Street (V3), bus stop north of junction with Vache Lane & Pascal Drive Danstead Way (H4), bus stop west of Jn with Kensington Drive and High Street Danstead Way (H4), bus stop near to Jn with Stainton Drive / Burnham Drive (drop off only) Willen, Granville Square Newport Pagnell, Boots Junction of Sherington Road / B526 (PM only drop off) Sherington, PO Emberton, The Bull and Bear Olney, The Bull Olney, Colson Way / Yardley Road Yardley Hastings PO Denton Village, Junction of Bedford Road / Vicarage Lane Great Houghton, White Hart, School

Route 5 - Brackley

Evenley, Jn of The Green & Broad Lane (request stop only) Brackley, Market Square Brackley, ATS Helmdon, Primary School Weston Weedon Lois Wappenham, Church Green Abthorpe, Junction School Lane Silverstone, Shop Brackley Road, Towcester Tiffield, Pigeon Hill Gayton, corner of High Street & Baker Street Collingtree Village, jn Ash Lane/High Street (PM drop off only), School

Route 6 - Station

Station, School

Route 7 - Daventry

Ashby St Ledgers (AM Pick Up Only) Daventry Hotel, Sedgemoor Way (A361) Daventry, Braunston Road, layby near to Timken Estate (A45) Staverton, The Green / The Orchard Newnham, School Hill Everdon (PM Drop Off Only) Weedon Crossroads (A45) Flore, High Street near PJ Greens/ White Hart Nether Heyford, PO Bugbrooke, Jn of Kislingbury Road & Johns Road Kislingbury, Red Lion Pineham, Banbury Lane close to jn with Upton Valley Way E (AM Pick Up Only), School

Route 8 - Bedford

Lodge Avenue, West End, Stagsden, Lavendon, bus stop adjacent to The Railway Nursery School, School

Route 9 - Kettering and Wellingborough

Pytchley, High Street near Church Kettering, Former Tresham College, St Mary's Road Barton Seagrave, Warkton Lane, turning circle north of Stubbs Lane Isham, A509, Monk and Minstrel Public House Wellingborough, Harrowden Road, jn with Kilburn Road (am only) Wellingborough, Oxford Street (pm only) Wellingborough, Duke of York A4500, School

REGISTRATION FORM



| 1. Details of Girl | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Surname | First name |
| Known name (if different) | Date of birth |
| Home address Postcode | Age on last birthday |
| | Planned month and year of entry |
| | Name of any sister at the school and relevant year group |
| Telephone | |

| 2. Details of Parents / Guardians | |
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| Mother's details | Father's details |
| Title | Title |
| Forename | Forename |
| Surname | Surname |
| Address (if different to pupils) Postcode | Address (if different to pupils) Postcode |
| Occupation | Occupation |
| Name of company / organisation | Name of company / organisation |
| Business telephone | Business telephone |
| Email address | Email address |

| 3. Details of Current School | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Address Postcode | Name of Head Teacher |
| | Telephone |
| | Email address |

4. How did you hear about the School?

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| Local Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> | Internet <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Current School connection <input type="checkbox"/> | Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recommendation by family member <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> | Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Please provide details in the space below) |
| Postcode | |
| Telephone | |

5. Disabilities / Medical Conditions

Please set out below any medical condition or disabilities that might affect your daughter's life at School.

6. Declaration

I/We understand that Northampton High School may wish to obtain independent information from my/our daughter's current school.

I/We understand that the payment of the non-returnable registration fee of **£75** does not constitute an offer of a place.

Having completed the registration form, please sign in the boxes below and return with a cheque for **£75**

(made payable to: Northampton High School) to: **Registrar, Northampton High School,**

Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingstone, Northampton NN4 6UU

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| Mother's signature | Father's signature |
| Name in full | Name in full |
| Date | Date |

ABOUT THE GDST

Northampton High School is part of the GDST (Girls' Day School Trust). The GDST is the leading network of independent girls' schools in the UK, with nearly 4,000 staff, and 20,000 students between the ages of three and 18. As a charity that owns and runs a network of 24 schools and two academies in England and Wales, it reinvests all its income in its schools. Founded in 1872, the GDST has a long history of pioneering innovation in the education of girls, and is the largest single educator of girls in the UK (and the UK's largest educational charity).

MORE THAN AN EDUCATION

At the GDST our aim is not just to provide an outstanding education, but to help girls develop into rounded, confident people, happy and resilient, who can meet and overcome the demands life will make of them.

Our 24 schools and two academies are all individual, but this commitment to developing the whole person is part of our shared DNA. Because of this strength and depth, we are an extraordinarily effective network for sharing knowledge and for spreading best practice (whether it is excellence in hockey, supporting all our medical school applicants to obtain places, or maximising our girls' potential in public exams). We can also develop and promote talented teachers through our network.

We celebrate our girls' differences, reinforce their strengths, and help them overcome their challenges. And, because we're single-sex, girls can be themselves, and grow at their own pace. They're not cloistered – far from it – but their individual characters can take shape in a way that isn't possible in a mixed environment.

Our girls are great to talk to. In fact, they illustrate us better than anything we could write. They'll tell

you how exhilarating it is. They'll tell you how much fun they have, and how much encouragement they're given. They'll almost certainly tell you how lucky they feel.

Every girl is different – good at some things, less good or less keen on others – but we make sure that, regardless, she is the best she can be, and that she tries things, reaches for things, achieves things she may have thought beyond her. And when she does this, she grows in confidence and maturity in a way that will stay with her forever.

If you would like to know more about GDST please visit: www.gdst.net

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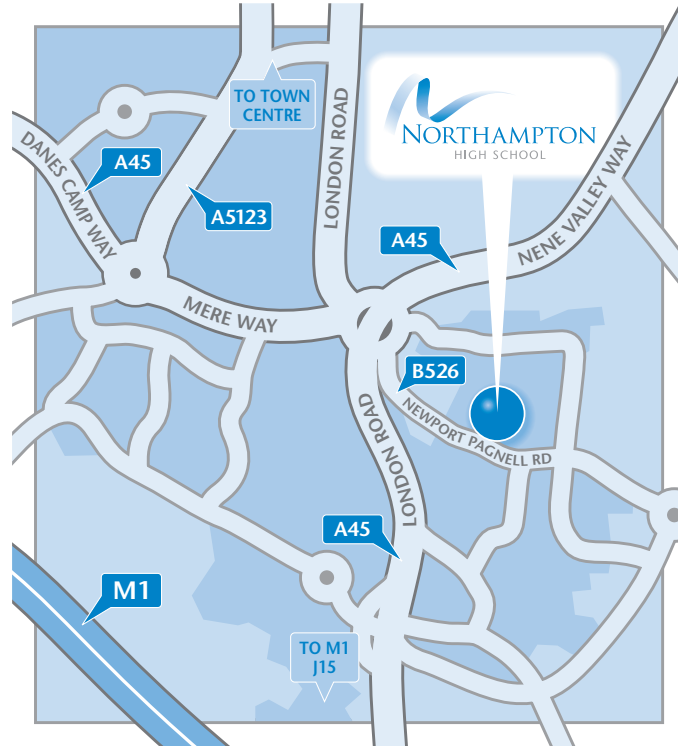
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