



NORTHAMPTON
HIGH SCHOOL

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

For girls aged 2 to 18

General Information
2018/2019



Welcome

By the time you read this booklet, I hope that you will already have begun a conversation with us about your daughter and also, perhaps, seen the school in action, either on an Open Day or on a personal tour.

Here, then, are some of the important nuts and bolts about school life to complement the contents of our prospectuses and website. You may well have other questions that we have not answered here – we know there is a lot to think and talk about when making one of the most significant choices you will ever make in your daughter's life. If that is so, please do get in touch with Miss Cheng, our Registrar, on 01604 765765 who will put you in touch with the right person to help you.



Dr Helen Stringer, Headmistress

Admissions

Entrance Procedures

Junior School (age 2 - 11 years)

Nursery (age 2 - 4 years)

Your daughter can join our Nursery as soon as she turns two, and girls can join the Nursery at any time of the year. Once you have visited the Nursery and decided to register your daughter a formal offer will be made for you to confirm the place. You and your daughter will be invited to the Nursery for two visits before she starts.

Registered girls are also invited to join us for 'Taster Tuesday', which runs every Tuesday from 9.00am - 10.30am during term time. This is a fantastic opportunity for new girls to settle into Nursery gradually. Parents are asked to stay with their daughters for 'Taster Tuesday' sessions and settling visits.

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 up to a year in advance of your proposed start date offering a place. A visit is arranged in July, when girls meet their classmates and new teacher.

Years 1 - 6 (age 5 - 11 years)

Once you have looked round the school and decided to register your daughter, a place will be reserved for her. We will contact you up to a year in advance of your proposed start date to arrange a visit for your daughter. She will spend a morning (Year 1) or a day (Years 2 - 6) with us, in a class with girls of her own age, during which time she will complete assessments in English, Mathematics and Reading. Places are offered following successful completion of the assessments. A further visit is arranged in July when your daughter will meet her classmates and her new teacher. Except in rare and unusual circumstances all girls in Year 6 in Junior School automatically progress to the Senior School.



Registration

Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form

You can register your daughter at any time by completing the Registration Form at the end of this booklet or on our website. We will then keep in touch with information on events and opportunities to visit the school. You will also be sent information about dates for assessments.

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.

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 £500 deposit.

Visiting the School

We hold a number of open days throughout the year, which you are very welcome to attend. Dates and more information can be found on our website.

We would encourage you also to book a personal tour so that you can meet the Headmistress or Head of Junior School and get a flavour of the school in action.



Senior School (age 11 - 18 years)

Upper Third - Upper Fifth (Years 7 - 11)

There are two main points of entry, at 11+ and at 13+, although there may be vacancies in other year groups. Once you have registered your daughter, she will be invited to attend the school in the January preceding the September of entry in order to take the school's Entrance Assessment. In February offers of places, scholarships and bursaries will be confirmed.

The Entrance Assessment for entry into Upper Third (Year 7) will be held on Friday 11 January 2019. This examination consists of multiple choice papers in English and Mathematics. Girls are invited to school for the whole day when they take the Assessment, have lunch and enjoy some team building activities including a 'getting to know you' session. Bursaries are available as well as Academic, Sports, Swimming and Arts Scholarships.

The Entrance Examination for entry into Upper Fourth (Year 9) will be held on Monday 14 January 2019. This Assessment consists of papers in English and Mathematics. Academic, Sports, Swimming and Arts Scholarships are available.

All girls are invited to an Induction Day in July prior to starting Senior School.

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

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

Admission requirements for entry to the Sixth Form are set at 5 Grade 6s at GCSE along with minimum Grade 6s at GCSE in English and Maths (or the equivalent in international qualifications). By negotiation with the Director of Sixth Form and the Deputy Head Academic, admission guidelines may be varied if appropriate courses can be designed for individual students. Individual subjects may set expected minimum requirements, generally Grade 6 where a GCSE subject is needed for further study. However, occasionally Grade 7 might be deemed necessary. This information is published in the Sixth Form Programme Guide.

New girls wishing to join the school will meet with the Subject Leaders of the subjects they wish to study and a report from their current school will be considered.

A formal place is then offered, subject to your daughter's final GCSE results.

Bursaries and Academic, Sports and Arts Scholarships are available.

The Curriculum

Junior School

Early Years Foundation Stage Nursery and Reception (age 2 - 5 years)

Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Ballet takes place once a week in Nursery and Reception. Reception girls also have Music, PE and Swimming lessons with specialist teachers.

Years 1 - 6 (age 5 - 11 years)

Art, Computing, Design Technology, English, French, Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Education), Mathematics, Music, Personal, Social and Health Education, Physical Education and Games, Science and Swimming.

Year 5 & 6 also study Performing Arts.

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. The amount of time spent on homework increases steadily as girls grow older.

Senior School

Key Stage 3 Upper Third to Upper Fourth (Years 7 - 9)

Art, Biology (U4), Chemistry (U4), Classical Civilisation (U4), Computing, Drama, English, Food, French, Geography, German, History, Inspiring Futures (U4), Latin, Mathematics, Music, PE and Sport, Physics (U4), PSHE, Reading Scheme (U3), Science (Integrated) (U3 - L4), Spanish, Textiles, Theology and Philosophy.

Key Stage 4 Lower Fifth and Upper Fifth (Years 10 & 11)

Students generally take nine (or exceptionally ten) GCSE subjects of which seven are compulsory and two (or three) are optional.

Compulsory Subjects:

GCSE English, English Literature, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language (French/German/Spanish), Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Plus PSHE including Careers & Life Skills and PE & Sport.

Optional Subjects:

Art, Computing, Drama, Fashion and Textiles, Food Technology, Geography, History, Latin, a second Modern Foreign Language, Music, Philosophy and Ethics, Physical Education.

For detailed information, please refer to our GCSE Curriculum Booklet.

Sixth Form

Key Stage 5 6-1 and 6-2 (Years 12 and 13)

Girls initially choose three (or exceptionally four) A Level subjects and a number of Electives.

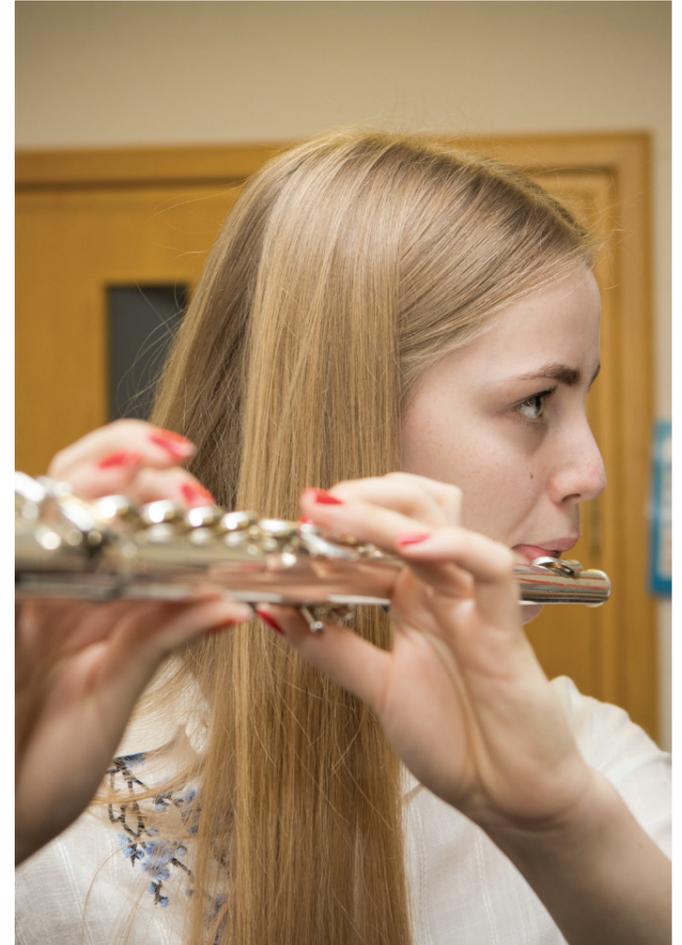
All 6-1 students attend an Information Literacy/Critical Thinking course during the Autumn Term.

Sport and Fitness sessions are provided and all students are expected to attend.

Subjects available:

Art and Design, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Classical Greek (to GCSE), Economics, English Literature, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Fashion and Textiles, Film Studies (to AS Level), French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Mathematics/Further Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Politics (to AS Level), Psychology, Spanish, Theology and Philosophy.

For detailed information, please refer to our Sixth Form Programme Guide.



Extracurricular Activities

Junior School

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

Senior School

During daily REC (Radically Enriched Curriculum) sessions a full programme of cocurricular activities take place. There is a wide range of activities to choose from including Academic enrichment, Outdoor activities, Performing Arts and Debating, Creative Arts and Service options, plus much more.

Special Educational Needs

All students have different learning needs and we offer enrichment and enhancement opportunities across the ability range. There is a specialist Learning Support teacher in the Junior School and Learning Enhancement Coordinator in the Senior School, who both work closely with pupils and their class teachers.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

There is excellent provision for students who have English as an Additional Language. Our whole-school EAL Coordinator (EALCO) works with teachers in the Junior School and Subject Leaders in the Senior School. The EALCO assists with the pastoral care and facilitates the cultural integration of students joining us from overseas and ensures excellent standards of English acquisition appropriate to the academic requirements of those following our EAL programme.

The School Day

Junior School

Registration 8.30am – End of Day 3.30pm.

Senior School

Registration 8.30am – End of Day 3.35pm.

Nursery

Care is provided from 7.45am to 6.00pm for up to 46 weeks of the year. Girls arrive between 7.45am and 8.50am and join in with activities linked to the week's theme.

Before School Care

Junior School

Girls are welcome to arrive from 7.30am. They may have breakfast and chat to their friends or join in with the activities set up for them.

Senior School

Girls are welcome to arrive from 7.30am and may have breakfast in the Dining Room between 8.00am and 8.15 am or attend before school clubs.

After School Care

Junior School

There are many extracurricular activities which take place after school and usually finish by 4.30pm. Late Prep is also available for girls in Years 3 upwards until 4.30pm. Girls may then go on to GAP Club which 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 GAP Club in advance and may collect their daughter at any time during the session. There is a charge for GAP club.

Senior School

There are clubs and activities available for students after school. Alternatively, girls may attend Late Prep which is supervised by a member of staff until either 4.30pm or 5.00pm. After this, Late Stay supervision is available in Senior School until 6.00pm. This service is free of charge.

Fees, Bursaries & Scholarships

Fees

Nursery Class

Term Time Sessions

7.45am - 12.45pm	£29.00 per day
7.45am - 3.30pm	£44.95 per day
7.45am - 4.30pm	£49.95 per day
7.45am - 5.30pm	£54.95 per day
7.45am - 6.00pm	£57.45 per day

Foundation + Sessions

7.45am - 12.45pm	£25.00 per day
7.45am - 3.30pm	£38.75 per day
7.45am - 4.30pm	£43.75 per day
7.45am - 5.30pm	£48.75 per day
7.45am - 6.00pm	£51.25 per day

Girls are expected to attend for a minimum of three sessions per week (two year olds) and five sessions per week (three year olds). Our morning session cost includes breakfast, a morning snack and lunch. In the afternoon the girls enjoy another snack and after the school day they have high tea.

Please see the Nursery booklet for detailed information on Nursery fees.

Junior School

Reception

£3,250 per term plus £200 lunch per term

Year 1 and 2

£3,375 per term plus £200 lunch per term

Year 3 to 6

£3,642 per term plus £215 lunch per term

Upper Third to Sixth Form

£4,777 per term plus £230 lunch per term

Scholarships

At 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form, Academic, Arts and Sports Scholarships are available. At 11+ and 13+, a Swimming Scholarship is also available. At Sixth Form girls can also apply for a GDST Spirit Scholarship.

Bursaries

There is a Bursary Scheme to enable parents to apply for financial assistance, available at the 11+ and Sixth Form entry points. For more information, please visit the school website or contact our Registrar.

Transfer Arrangements Between GDST Schools

Sometimes pupils have to move home midcourse (or have other special circumstances) and want to transfer to another GDST school. 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 required.

Registration Form

1. Details of applicant	
Surname	Forename
Home address	Date of birth
	Planned month and year of entry
	Name of any sister at the school and relevant year group
Postcode	
Home telephone	

1. Details of applicant	
Title	Title
Forename	Forename
Surname	Surname
Relationship to applicant	Relationship to applicant
Address (if different to pupil's)	Address (if different to pupil's)
Postcode	Postcode
Mobile telephone	Mobile telephone
Email address	Email address
Occupation	Occupation
Name of company / organisation	Name of company / organisation

Details of current school	
School name	Name of Head Teacher

4. How did you hear about the school?	
Local reputation <input type="checkbox"/>	Internet search <input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation:	Advertisement:
Current school connection <input type="checkbox"/>	Magazine <input type="checkbox"/>
Family member <input type="checkbox"/>	Radio <input type="checkbox"/>
Friend <input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other advertisement (please give details) <input type="checkbox"/>
Primary School enrichment day	Other (please give details)

5. Disabilities / medical conditions
Please describe 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.	You can also pay directly into the school's bank account:
I/We understand that the payment of the non-returnable registration fee of £75 does not constitute an offer of a place.	Bank: Natwest
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 the Registrar at the school address.	Account Name: GDST Northampton High School
	Sort Code: 60-04-04
	Account Number: 84589876
	BIC: NWBK GB 2L
	IBAN: GB80 NWBK 6004 0484 5898 76

Parent's signature	
Name in full <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>

Bus Routes

We currently operate 11 bus routes which begin from Kettering, Wellingborough, Earls Barton, Brixworth, Welford, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Brackley, Daventry and Bedford, stopping at various points en route to School. We also offer a taxi from Northampton railway station for those who wish to travel by train. See our Transport and Travel Guide for more information about times, stops and return journeys at the end of the school day.

Uniform

Uniform is obtained from SchoolBlazer and ordered online, www.schoolblazer.com. Details are provided in the Welcome Pack.

Staff

Senior Leadership Team

Headmistress Dr H Stringer DPhil | MA Hons, University of Sussex | BA Hons, University of Bristol | PGCE, Institute of Education, London

Deputy Head (Pastoral Care & Guidance) Mrs A O'Doherty MA, University College London | BA Hons, Birmingham City University | QTS, University of Wolverhampton

Deputy Head (Academic) Mr H Rickman BA Hons | MBA (Ed), University of Leicester

Head of Junior School Mr R Urquhart BSc Hons | QTS, Brunel University

Director of Sixth Form Mrs J Cantwell BSc Joint Hons, Durham University | PGCE, University of London

Director of Finance and Operations Mrs A Headley BA Hons | ACMA, University of Manchester

Director of Marketing and Admissions Mrs A Wilmot BA Hons, Keele University | MCIM

School Meals

All girls take school lunch and we pride ourselves on the choice and quality of our meals. All our meals are cooked onsite and we are able to cater for virtually all dietary requirements. The cost of school lunches is added to the fees invoice.

School Policies

Copies of policies can be found on our website; www.northamptonhigh.gdst.net

Senior School

Assistant Head Mrs M Langhorn BSc Hons, Coventry Lanchester Polytechnic | PGCE, University of Leicester

Junior School

Deputy Head and Head of Early Years Mrs J Purvey-Tyrer BEd Hons, Leeds University.

Admissions Registrar

Miss O Cheng BA Hons, Bath University

Please see our website for a full staffing list

Girls' Day School Trust

When a girl joins a Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) school, like Northampton High, she becomes part of an inclusive community dedicated to girls and young women. We are pioneers in, and shapers of the future of, girls' education – empowering girls to fulfil their dreams. Our mission is to liberate the potential of girls and enable them to thrive, for the benefit of us all. What makes this true?

- We are crusading for girls
- We are responsible for the life chances of 20,000 girls
- We are helping to create female leaders
- We have an amazing alumnae network, with access to inspiring leaders
- We spearhead many innovative initiatives within the schools
- We are passionate about girls-only education
- We want to change the narrative around girls and women, and help change the world
- We are confident and optimistic

The GDST is the UK's largest group of independent girls' schools, a national leader in girls' education. Our students outperform their peers in public exams, but we know there's so much more to a truly broad and balanced education than just stellar exam results. At our schools, girls can compete and collaborate with their peers in other GDST schools, taking part in Trust-wide events, rallies, performances and activities.

Choosing a GDST school offers the peace of mind that comes from knowing your daughter's school is part of an organisation with an unparalleled track record of achievement and stability. A charitable organisation, based on enduring values and with over 140 years' expertise in girls' education, that always strives to put the needs and wellbeing of our girls first. We are forward thinking, we are always learning, we are fearless, we are a family and we are first for girls.



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