

Seniors Admissions Guide

2020 - 2021



Croydon High School
for girls aged 3-18

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST



Fees for September 2019 entry

Fees for September 2020 entry will be published in April 2020

Senior School

Years 7 - 9	£5,557 per term
Years 10 - Upper Sixth	£5,763 per term

The fees cover the regular curriculum, school books, stationery and other materials, choral music, games and swimming, careers guidance and public examination fees, but not optional extra subjects or school meals. School Lunch is currently charged for separately and is compulsory for girls up to Year 10.

Whenever possible, a term's notice will be given of the intention to increase the fees for tuition or extra subjects. However, if circumstances arise in which costs (e.g. substantial increases in teachers' salaries) have to be recouped immediately, the Council of the Trust may be forced to increase fees at less than a term's notice.

Payment of Fees

Fees must be paid by the Bank Direct Debit system and the necessary form can be provided either by the school or from the Trust Head Office. The fees may be paid either termly in advance or by monthly instalments (4 per term).

Registration Fee

A fee of £100 is charged which is not refundable.

Deposit

A deposit of £750 is chargeable on the acceptance of a place and will be held until the end of the pupil's final term in the school. It will not be refunded if the place is not taken up by the pupil.

Fees For Optional Extra Subjects

(Charged by visiting teachers)

Fees are Per Term:

Music

£210 for 10 half hour lessons

Speech & Drama Group lessons

Senior Department lessons

£140 (Yr 7- Yr 9)

£140 (Yr 10-Yr 11)

£140 (Sixth Form)

Total number of lessons per year: 30

Accounts for extra subjects will be sent direct by the teachers concerned, and should be settled with those teachers before the start of each term.

Admissions

Applying to Croydon High School

Applications to the school can be made on-line via our website at:

<https://application.gdst.net/school/croydon-high-school>

We request that a non-refundable registration fee is paid by credit or debit card on submission of the application form. If you are unable to make the payment in this way, please contact us before completing the form.

Parents or Guardians should inform the school, at the time of their application, of any specific learning difficulty. If relevant, an Educational Psychologist's Report can be uploaded with the application form.

Entrance to the Senior School

Year 7: We will hold Entrance tests on Monday 6 January 2020 for entry in the following September.

Details of the test arrangements will be made available following application. Applications must be received by 11 November 2019.

A Taster Afternoon will take place on Saturday 30 November 2019.

Year 9: We will hold Entrance tests on Friday 14 February 2020 for Applicants for Year 9 entry. Applicants will be tested in Maths, English and Verbal Reasoning.

Vacancies other than at Year 7, 9 or Sixth Form

Applicants for such places will be tested and interviewed by the Headmistress. On receipt of an application form we will contact your daughter's present Head Teacher for a report on her progress. It is important that her present school has been informed of the application.

Scholarships and Bursaries:

Deadline for application is 11 November 2019

Academic Scholarships for Year 7 Entry: Will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Entrance test on 6 January 2020.

Academic Plus Scholarships for Year 9 Entry: Will be awarded to applicants from external schools who apply for academic scholarship + assessment in: Art & Design, Music, Drama or Sport. Roles and Responsibilities pertaining to this award and further details will be sent on application.

Music, Art & Design, Drama and Sports scholarships for Year 7: For entry in September 2020, the selection process will take place in December 2019. Information and entry forms will be available from the Admissions Registrar from Summer 2019.

GDST Bursaries

We are also able to offer a limited number of bursaries, which also take into account academic ability but, crucially, these are means tested.

The GDST will require full evidence of the household income and assets of the families applying for a bursary for their daughters to ensure that we can offer a GDST education to the most able girls, including those who are not in a position to pay full fees.

Bursaries are calculated as a percentage remission on the full-fee amount, ranging from 30-100% of the fee and their value is directly related to the income and financial resources of the pupil's family.

For example, full bursaries (100%) are usually awarded to families with a total income of less than £40,000 per year and with no capital assets other than their home.

Academic performance will be a key consideration when the school is deciding to offer a bursary. The online Bursary forms will be available to be completed once the application has been received by the Admissions Registrar. The deadline for bursary applications is 11 November 2019.

Post-entry bursaries may be awarded to girls whose families suffer unexpected financial difficulties, and are no longer able to pay the fees in full.

Year 7 Entrance Test – A unique approach to testing

The aim of our Entrance Test process for Year 7 is to find out how girls think and learn, rather than what they know.

We want to find out what they could achieve at Croydon High, rather than what they have already achieved.

The whole process is intended to enable girls to feel comfortable, to reduce pressure and to give them a platform where they can shine. Girls will be tested using an adaptive online test, completed on the day. Adaptive means it responds to their answers and gets harder each time they get a question right so each experience is personalised and unique. This test is designed to assess ability in skills such as numeracy, problem solving and vocabulary. There is no special preparation required and no practice papers are available.

In addition, we will also be carrying out a teaching activity as part of our testing process after which the girls will be asked to complete a task based on the skills and content taught in the session. We believe that this method of testing assesses natural rather than rehearsed ability in key skills and enables us to analyse the potential of each girl as opposed to the amount of preparation and revision undertaken. In short, rather than assess what our applicants know and how well they have been trained, we are much more interested in finding out how they think and how they respond to engaging teaching.

All girls are automatically considered for academic scholarships, which are awarded to the girls who perform best in the Entrance Examination.

There are also Drama, Music, Sports and Art and Design scholarships for which separate applications must be made by 11 November 2019.

We take the time to consider every application very carefully and also carry out scholarship assessments before Christmas. For this reason, testing takes place in January; offers of places will be made in writing by the end of January.



GCSE *Examination Results 2019*

Year 11 IGCSE & GCSE Results

41 candidates took 413 GCSE/IGCSE subjects. The grade 9 to 8 / A⁺ / A* pass rate was 50.4%, the grade 9 to 7 / A⁺ pass rate was 73.6% and the 9 to 5 / A⁺ to C to pass rate was 94.1%. 88.4% of grades were at 9 to 6 / A⁺ to B. Results correct as of September 2019.

Subject	Entry	9/A ⁺	8/A*	7/A	6/B	5/C	4	3	2/1	%9 to 7 A ⁺ to A	%9 to 5 A* to C
Art GCSE	7	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	57.1	85.7
Biology IGCSE	31	12	9	5	2	2	1	0	0	83.9	96.8
Chemistry IGCSE	31	14	9	3	4	0	1	0	0	83.9	96.8
Computer Science IGCSE	8	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	87.5	100.0
3D Design GCSE	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	50.0	100.0
Drama GCSE	14	2	6	2	2	1	1	0	0	71.4	92.9
English Language IGCSE	41	0	19	15	6	1	0	0	0	82.9	100.0
English Literature IGCSE	40	0	14	16	7	3	0	0	0	75.0	100.0
French IGCSE	18	7	2	3	4	0	0	1	1	66.7	88.9
Geography GCSE	15	4	3	3	3	0	2	0	0	66.7	86.7
German IGCSE	14	4	3	1	5	1	0	0	0	57.1	100.0
History IGCSE	24	11	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	87.5	95.8
Latin GCSE	11	7	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	90.9	100.0
Mathematics IGCSE	41	11	8	7	4	5	6	0	0	63.4	85.4
Further Maths IG Certificate	16	3	1	7	4	1	0	0	0	68.8	100.0
Music GCSE	11	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
Physical Education GCSE	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
Physics IGCSE	31	11	6	6	3	4	0	1	0	74.2	96.8
Religious Studies GCSE	18	5	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	94.4	100.0
Science Dual Award IGCSE	20	0	0	3	7	2	6	2	0	15.0	60.0
Spanish IGCSE	16	3	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	68.8	100.0
Totals	413	101	107	96	61	24	18	5	1	73.6	94.2

A Level Examination Results 2019

Year 13 Advanced Level Results

29 candidates made 90 entries at A Level. The pass rate was 100%, with 48.9% at grades A* or A, 68.9% at grades A* to B and 86.7% at grades A* to C. An A grade was also achieved at AS in Spanish and a B grade in Photography.

23 of these candidates also completed the Extended Project Qualification and 83% were awarded A* or A grades. Results correct as of September 2019.

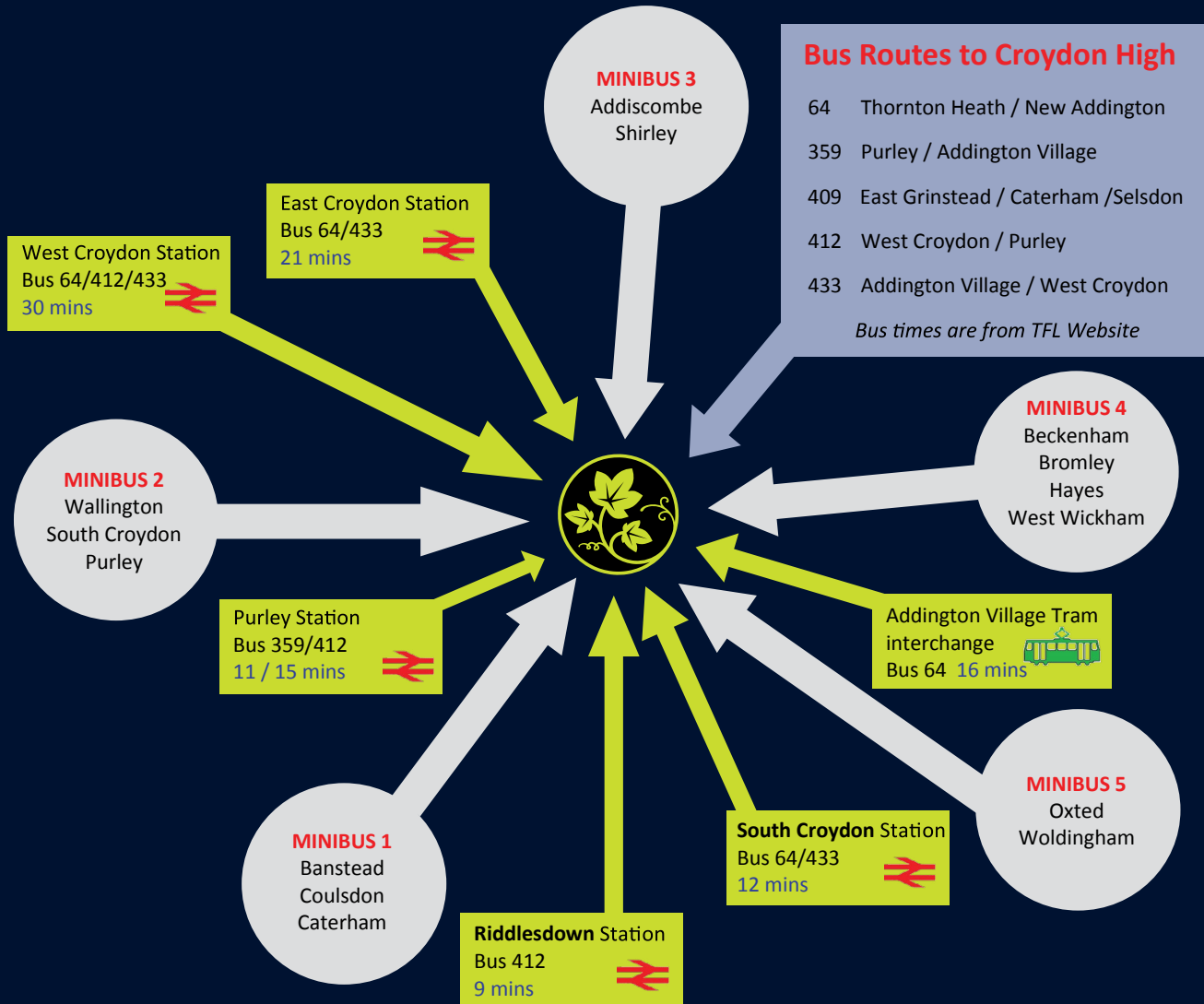
Subject	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	% A*/A	% A* to B	% A* to C
Art	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	75	75	100
Biology	9	3	1	0	2	3	0	44	44	67
Business	5	1	2	1	1	0	0	60	80	100
Chemistry	13	1	6	1	2	3	0	54	62	77
Classical Civilisation	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Computer Science	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Economics	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	67	100	100
English Language & Literature	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	33	100
English Literature	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
French	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
German	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
History	7	0	3	2	1	1	0	43	71	86
Mathematics	16	2	4	5	3	1	1	38	69	88
Physical Education	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	50	100
Physics	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	33	67	100
Politics	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	50	100	100
Psychology	9	1	1	2	2	3	0	22	44	67
Religious Studies	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	67	100	100
Spanish	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Chinese	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100
Totals	90	14	30	18	16	11	1	48.9	68.9	86.7

Class of 2019 *Destinations*

Course of Study	University
American Studies & History	University of Nottingham
Architecture	University of Cambridge
Biological Sciences	University of Exeter
Biomedical Science	University of Hull
Business Studies	University of Bournemouth
Business Management (Finance) with a Year Abroad	University of Swansea
Chemistry	University of Keele
Civil Engineering including an Industrial Year	University of Nottingham
Classics	University of Durham
Computer Science	University of Bath
Dentistry	King's College London
Economics	University of Aston
History	University of Bristol
History	University of Birmingham
History & Politics	University of York
History of Art	University of Birmingham
HR Apprenticeship	Rothchild & Co.
Midwifery	University of Kingston
Modern Languages	University of Nottingham
Natural Sciences	University of Durham
Philosophy & Sociology	University of Birmingham
Professional Sound & Video Technology	University of Salford
Psychology	University of Southampton
Psychology	University of Surrey
Psychology	University College London
Retailing, Marketing & Management	University of Loughborough
Sociology	University of Portsmouth
Software Engineering	University of Edinburgh
Veterinary Nursing	Harper Adams University
Veterinary Science	University of Bristol

Transport *Trains and buses*

Minibus routes operate according to demand. If you are interested in a particular route, please contact our Admissions Registrar to discuss timings and costs. Additional routes may become available should the demand arise.



Nearby Railway Stations - served by trains from:

East Croydon: London, Clapham Junction, The South Coast, Redhill, Reigate, Tonbridge, Gatwick, Uckfield

West Croydon: Sutton, London Overground, Epsom, Banstead

South Croydon: London, Clapham Junction, Caterham, Tattenham Corner

Purley: Caterham, Tattenham Corner, Horsham, Redhill

Riddlesdown: Warlingham, Woldingham, Oxted, East Grinstead



KEY ADMISSIONS DATES SEPTEMBER 2020 ENTRY

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15 May 2019, 6pm-8pm

WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Saturday 12 October 2019, 9.30-12.30pm

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 7 MAIN APPLICATION FORM

11 November 2019

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 7 BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

11 November 2019

YEAR 7 ART & DESIGN, DRAMA, MUSIC AND SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications shortlisted and successful candidates attend assessments, w/c 2 December 2019

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 15 October 2019, 7pm-9pm

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS INCLUDING BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP

11 November 2019

SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE TEST

(FOR BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ONLY)

Saturday 30 November 2019, 1.30-4.30pm

YEAR 7 TASTER AFTERNOON FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Saturday 30 November 2019, 1.15-4pm

YEAR 7 ENTRANCE TEST DAY

Monday 6 January 2020, 9am-3pm

YEAR 7 2020 OFFER LETTERS ISSUED END OF JANUARY

YEAR 9 ENTRANCE TEST DAY

Friday 14 February 2020

YEAR 7 EXPERIENCE DAY – FOR GIRLS WHO HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS

26 February 2020

