

Juniors Admissions Guide

2021 - 2022



Croydon High School
for girls aged 3-18

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Entry Criteria

Entry To Early Years

All parents are encouraged to visit the school prior to assessment, either on an Open Day or by appointment by telephoning the Admissions Registrar.

The Head of Junior School will meet parents and organise a personal tour of the school, during which time they can discuss their daughter's entry, ask questions and receive any relevant information. Although official testing time is in January prior to entry the following September, girls can be assessed individually at other times during the year for immediate entry.

3+ Nursery

Girls will be invited, in small groups, to take part in an informal play session. Activities will be set up to encourage individual and group play and opportunities for interaction and discussion will form part of the assessment.

The session will last for approximately one hour and will be led by one of our Early Years Teachers. The girls will not be expected to have had any formal teaching prior to the assessment; its purpose is to ensure readiness for our challenging environment.

4+ Reception

Girls will be invited to school in groups of four to six. In addition to the criteria set out above for Nursery entry, the girls will engage in activities involving picture matching and sorting objects according to given criteria.

They will also be expected to co-operate in small group games and to use spoken language to express their feelings and ideas. They will also be expected to follow simple instructions, recognise colours and begin to draw their own simple pictures. The session will last for approximately one hour.

Whilst girl in our own Nursery will have begun our phonics curriculum, our assessment at 4+ will focus on spoken language skills not phonics knowledge.

5+ Year 1

The entrance assessment follows the same procedure as 4+ with the following additional skills. Girls should be able to use spoken language to express their ideas and feelings easily and to have established basic reading skills.

The girls should have some understanding of mathematical ideas and relationships (sorting, matching, sequencing) and be able to count, recognise and begin to add numbers up to 20. They should be able to name and recognise simple shapes, have reasonable manipulative skills and demonstrate the ability to work co-operatively in a group.

We will ask for a written report from your daughter's present school at this stage. The session will last for approximately one and a half hours.

6+ Year 2

Testing takes place in small groups in a classroom situation. By this stage children should have made a good start with reading and mathematics. They will complete our in-house assessments, which are used to track progress in reading and mathematics. This will allow us to see how your daughter will fit in to our current cohort and to establish if there are strength and weaknesses that we should be aware of before they start with us.



Entry Criteria

Entry to Key Stage 2

All parents are invited for a tour of the Junior School. The Head of Junior School will be happy to discuss your daughter's entry and answer any questions. The girls will be assessed individually.

Girls will be invited for assessment at any time during the year, when vacancies are available, as part of a Taster Day. Reports from present school are requested. Assessments for entry to Years 3 to 6, last for approximately two and a half hours.

They will complete our in-house assessments, which are used to track progress in reading and mathematics. This will allow us to see how your daughter will fit in to our current cohort and to establish if there are strengths and weaknesses that we should be aware of before they start with us.

7+ Year 3

Mathematics: Counting and place value to 20, number sequence to 100. Addition and subtraction to include carrying figures to 20+. Concept of multiplication and division, introduction of halves and quarters, recognition of coins, simple bills and giving change. Language and experience of length, weight, area, volume, time, shape and pictorial representation.

English: Children should read with confidence and be able to write their own simple stories, poems and descriptions. They should be able to listen to instructions and express themselves clearly, both individually and in a group situation. They should be able to answer questions on a passage they have read.

8+ Year 4

Mathematics: Children should be able to recognise and operate the four rules of number $+$, $-$, \times , \div and be able to apply these rules to simple problem solving and to numbers within their experience. They should understand the concept of multiplication and know the multiplication tables. They should have wide practical experience and understanding of length, weight, area, volume, time, shape and solid shapes.

English: Girls should be able to read fluently and with understanding such books as are suitable for the age group. They should be able to write easily both imaginatively and factually, using full stops, question marks and capital letters and preferably using joined writing. They should be able to express themselves clearly during discussion. They should be able to answer questions about a passage they have read.

9+ Year 5

Mathematics: Thousands, hundreds, tens and units. All multiplication tables. Simple fractions. Intervals of time, digital displays and the 24-hour clock. The four rules as applied to number, money, length, weight and capacity. Bar graphs, grid references, right angles, shapes and patterns with one and two-line symmetry.

English: Girls should be able to read fluently, to comprehend a written passage, and be able to answer questions about it and appreciate meaning beyond the literal. They should be able to express themselves clearly in both oral and written work.

Entry from other Girls Day School Trust schools

When parents wish to transfer from one Trust school to another, a report is asked for from her present school. If there is a vacancy and the report indicates that the candidate would be of a suitable standard, then a place will be offered without testing. If the report does not indicate that a suitable standard has been achieved, then the candidates may be tested as other external candidates.



Fees *for September 2020 entry*

2021 entry

Fees for September 2021 entry will be published in April 2021.

Junior School

<i>Nursery – Full time</i>	£3,349 per term
<i>Nursery – Part time</i>	£1,675.50 per term
<i>Reception</i>	£4,000 per term
<i>Years 1 and 2</i>	£4,107 per term
<i>Years 3 and 4</i>	£4,485 per term
<i>Years 5 and 6</i>	£4,560 per term

Girls are eligible for the government grant, covering 15 hours education, up until the term in which they turn five. This is deducted from fees.

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 at £3.75 per day 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 non-refundable fee of £100 is charged on submission of the application form before testing takes place.

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

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>

Entrance to Nursery

Age on Entry

Girls can begin at the beginning of the term in which they will turn 3.

Nursery hours

Girls may attend for as many as 5 half day sessions up to full time.

Half Day Session – 8.20am until 11.40am, but girls are encouraged to stay for lunch until 1pm

Full Day Session – 8.20am until 3.15pm

Attendance

Girls must attend for a minimum of five sessions – four of which must be morning sessions. So, on starting Nursery, it is possible to either attend for five mornings or three mornings and one full day. By the summer term, girls should be attending for a minimum of three full days and one additional morning.

The minimum of five sessions applies to the final three terms in Nursery. When girls join Nursery immediately after their 3rd birthday and stay for more than on full year, alternative arrangements can be made regarding numbers of sessions.

Entrance to the Junior School

We admit girls on the basis of either classroom based assessment (younger girls) or written tests.

Selection tests for Juniors are arranged on an ongoing basis through the year to take account of individual circumstances and assessments for nursery/reception will take place in January and then on subsequent dates as required if places are still available for entry in the following September. We do not make previous test papers available to applicants and their parents although general advice is available if requested, the tests are in line with the National Curriculum assessments.

Senior School Vacancies

Year 7 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.

Senior School Scholarships and Bursaries:

Deadline for application is 9 November 2020

Academic Scholarships For Year 7 Entry

Will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Entrance test on 5 January 2021.

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 2021, the selection process will take place in November/December 2020. Information and entry forms will be available from the Admissions Registrar from Summer 2020.

GDST Bursaries

A limited number of these are available to girls joining the school in Year 7 and Lower Sixth who would not otherwise be able to benefit from Croydon High School education. Bursaries are means tested and the value of the bursary is related to the income and financial resources of the girl's family. The award of a Bursary is at the Headmistress's discretion based on a girl's performance in the entrance test and interview. 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 9 November 2020. 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.

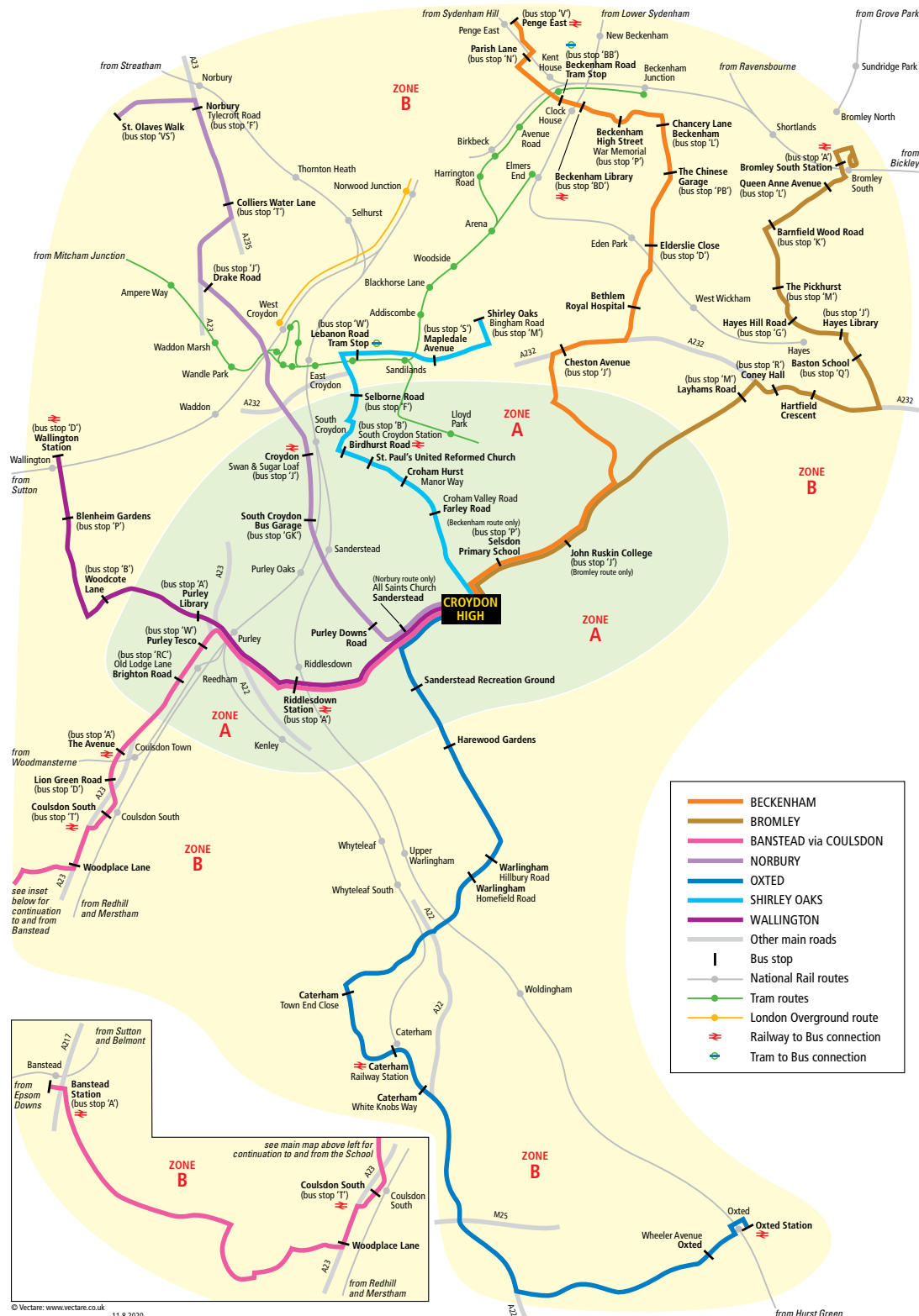
Parents should inform the school, at the time of their application, of any specific learning difficulty or disability, and by enclosing with the registration form any Educational Psychologist's Report.

Transport

Currently we offer return routes from the following areas:

Banstead via Coulsdon • Wallington via Purley • Shirley Oaks • Beckenham • Bromley • Norbury • Oxted and Caterham

Following the COVID-19 emergency, all our services have been reviewed to ensure they are COVID secure – more details of the guidance we follow as well of full details of current routes and fares can be found at www.croydonhigh.vectare.co.uk



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The Ivy Club

Wraparound Care for Croydon High Juniors from Nursery to Year 6

This operates from 7.15am until 8.30am, and again at the end of the school day until 6pm. Ivy Club places should be booked in advance where possible. Booking forms can be accessed via Firefly and emailed to ivyclub@cry.gdst.net. Paper copies are available outside the Junior School Office. Emergency bookings can be made by telephoning the Junior School Office on 020 8260 7508.

Breakfast Club from 7.15-8.30am – including breakfast.

After School Care from the end of the school day until 6.00pm daily (term time only). A sandwich tea is served at 4.30pm.

Breakfast is provided in the morning at no additional cost and a tea is provided in the afternoon session for girls staying after 4.30pm.

The Ivy Club provides a homely environment where the girls are welcomed and cared for at the beginning and end of each day and where they are able to relax and take part in a range of activities including:

Craft, Cooking, Construction Toys, Indoor and Outdoor Games. Role play activities.

A quiet area is provided where older girls are able to do their homework. Laptop computers are available.

Ivy Club Costs: Nursery and Reception

Morning Session including breakfast (7.30-8.30am)	£5.00
After school care per hour charge from 3.30pm	£5.00
Tea (served at 4.30pm)	£2.00

Ivy Club Costs: Years 1-6

Morning Session including breakfast (7.30-8.30am)	£4.00
After school care per hour charge from 3.30pm	£4.00
Tea (served at 4.30pm)	£2.00

All payment is to be made in advance via parent pay and childcare vouchers are welcomed.

Booking

Booking forms will be available from the Office and online in the Parents' section of firefly. It is essential that you also complete an information form with contact details, medical information etc. This will need to be reviewed annually.

Regular bookings

Regular bookings should be made termly in advance.

Cancellations must be notified by 10am. This should be done via email to juniors@cry.gdst.net

Emergency cancellations can be notified by telephoning the Junior Office on 020 8260 7508. If we are not informed by 10am, you may be charged for the sessions booked, whether your daughter attends or not.

Absence

If your daughter is unwell and not at school, please remember to cancel her place at After School Care when you ring in to let us know she will be absent.

The person receiving the call about absence will not always be aware that your daughter is booked in to After School Care, so please remember to mention it.

Occasional/Last minute booking

Parents may complete a form or alternatively you can e-mail by 10am. This will be confirmed. Please check if you do not receive confirmation.

Contact number during the session time 0208 260 7514.

GCSE *Examination Results 2020*

Year 11 IGCSE & GCSE Results

37 candidates took 375 GCSE/IGCSE subjects. The grade 9 to 8 / A[^] / A* pass rate was 60%, the grade 9 to 7 / A[^] pass rate was 87% and the 9 to 5 / A[^] to C to pass rate was 100%. 97% of grades were at 9 to 6 / A[^] to B. Results correct as of September 2020.

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	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	100.0
Biology IGCSE	31	12	9	7	2	1	0	0	0	90	100
Chemistry IGCSE	31	13	10	4	4	0	0	0	0	87	100
Computer Science IGCSE	8	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	88	100
3D Design GCSE	8	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	88	100
Drama GCSE	12	4	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	83	100
English Language IGCSE	37	9	9	13	6	0	0	0	0	84	100
English Literature IGCSE	37	10	7	15	5	0	0	0	0	86	100
French IGCSE	9	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	67	100
Geography GCSE	19	8	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	89	100
German IGCSE	11	4	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	91	100
History IGCSE	29	13	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	90	100
Latin GCSE	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Mathematics IGCSE	37	8	14	8	5	2	0	0	0	81	100
Further Maths IG Certificate	16	7	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Music GCSE	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Physical Education GCSE	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Physics IGCSE	31	13	8	8	0	2	0	0	0	94	100
Religious Studies GCSE	16	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Science Dual Award IGCSE	12	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	67	100
Spanish IGCSE	16	3	2	8	2	1	0	0	0	81	100
Totals	375	134	90	101	37	13	0	0	0	87	100

A Level *Examination Results 2020*

Year 13 Advanced Level Results

35 candidates made 108 entries at A Level. The pass rate was 100%, with 48% at grades A* or A, 88% at grades A* to B and 99% at grades A* to C. A grades were also achieved at AS in Spanish and French and a B grade in AS level French.

20 of these candidates also completed the Extended Project Qualification and 90% were awarded A* or A grades. Results correct as of September 2020.

Subject	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	% A*/A	% A* to B	% A* to C
Biology	16	5	6	1	4	0	0	69	75	100
Business	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100
Chemistry	19	4	6	6	2	1	0	53	84	95
Classical Civilisation	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Economics	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	67	100	100
English Language & Literature	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	20	60	100
English Literature	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
French	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	33	100	100
Further Maths	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	50	100	100
Geography	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	50	100	100
German	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
History	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Latin	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Mathematics	12	5	5	1	1	0	0	83	92	100
Physics	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	60	100	100
Politics	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Psychology	7	1	5	0	1	0	0	86	86	100
Religious Studies	8	2	4	1	1	0	0	75	88	100
Spanish	7	1	4	1	1	0	0	71	86	100
Totals	108	26	48	21	12	1	0	48	88	99

Class of 2020 *Destinations*

Course of Study	University
Anthropology and Law	London School of Economics
Biological Sciences	University of Surrey
Biomedical Sciences	University of Birmingham
Biomedical Sciences	St George's, University of London
Chemistry	University of Edinburgh
Chemistry	University of York
Classical Literature and English	University of Leeds
Common Law	University of Glasgow
Criminology	Nottingham Trent University
Dentistry	University of Birmingham
Economics	University of Leicester
Economics	University of Edinburgh
English and Philosophy	University of Nottingham
Geography	University of Durham
Geography (International)	University College London
History	University of Exeter
Law	University of Sheffield
Law and Psychology	Nottingham Trent University
Liberal Arts and Sciences	University of Birmingham
Mathematics & Computer Science with year in industry	University of Birmingham
Medicine	Aston University
Medicine	University of Nottingham
Medicine	University of Leeds
Modern Languages	University of Nottingham
Pharmacy	University of Nottingham
Communication, Culture Information and Technology	University of Toronto
Psychology	Royal Holloway, University of London
Psychology	University of Leicester
Theology, Religion and Ethics	University of Cambridge



KEY ADMISSIONS DATES SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
Saturday 16 January 2021: (09.30-12.30)

NURSERY ASSESSMENTS
Tuesday 19 January 2021

RECEPTION ASSESSMENTS
Wednesday 20 January 2021

YEARS 1-6 ASSESSMENTS (EXCLUDING YEAR 3)
Thursday 21 January 2021

READY 4 RECEPTION
Saturday 27 February 2021: (1.30pm-3.00pm)
for girls entering Reception in September 2021

YEAR 3 TASTER
Saturday 27 February 2021: (2.00pm-4.00pm)
for girls entering Year 3 in September 2021

YEAR 3 ASSESSMENTS
Tuesday 9 March 2021

