Seniors
Admissions
Guide

2024 - 2025

Croydon High School

for girls aged 3-18

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Where girls
aspire without limits

Fees *for September entry*

Fees for September 2024 entry will be published in April 2024

Senior School

Years 7 - 9	£6,369 per term
Years 10 - Upper Sixth	£6,605 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 (£261.66 per term).

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
£249 for 10 half hour lessons

Speech & Drama Group lessons
£130 for 30 lessons per year

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

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.

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 Friday 5 January 2024 for entry in the following September.

Details of the test arrangements will be made available following application. Applications must be received by 6 November 2023.

Year 9: We will hold Entrance tests on Thursday 8 February 2024 for Applicants for Year 9 entry. Applicants will be tested in Maths, English, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning.

Vacancies other than at Year 7, 9 or Sixth Form

Applicants for such places will be tested and interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Scholarships and Bursaries:

Deadline for application is 6 November 2023

Academic Scholarships for Year 7 Entry: Will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Entrance test on Friday 5 January 2024. Roles and Responsibilities pertaining to this award and further details will be available on application.

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.

Music, Art & Design, Drama and Sports scholarships for Year 7: For entry in September 2024, the selection process will take place in November/December 2023. Information and entry forms will be available from Summer 2023.

Exhibition Awards

The Head may choose to make an Exhibition Award to high performing candidates who are not recipients of a performance scholarship in Art, Music, Drama or Sport. The Exhibition Award is a single one off payment in the first year of study, and is intended to recognise significant talent and ability, as scholarships awards are necessarily limited. Recipients of an Exhibition Award are treated as scholars and enjoy the full range of opportunities available on the individual subject's Scholars' Programme.

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.

Once admitted, bursary holders are not identifiable within the school environment. The School is committed to ensuring those pupils on a bursary can participate fully in school life. Taking in to account family circumstances and the value of the bursary itself, support is available for compulsory school trips and school lunches.

The School may also support families with a grant towards the initial costs of purchasing the school uniform, for example.

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 completed. The deadline for bursary applications is 6 November 2023.

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 be carrying out a teaching activity after which the girls will be asked to complete a written task based on the content taught in the session.

There is no formal interview, but girls will take part in a discussion activity in a small group, led by a senior teacher, where there will be an opportunity for them to engage one-to-one.

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 6 November 2023.

We take the time to consider every application very carefully and also carry out scholarship assessments before Christmas. Offers of places will be made in writing by the end of January.

GCSE *Examination Results 2023*

Year 11 IGCSE & GCSE Results

83 pupils took 767 GCSE/IGCSE subjects. The 9 to 8 pass rate was 56%, the grade 9 to 7 pass rate was 77%, the 9 to 6 pass rate was 89% and the 9 to 5 pass rate was 95%. Results correct as of Sept 2023.

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	17	2	5	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	71	94
Biology IGCSE	57	24	18	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	88	100
Chemistry IGCSE	57	16	20	14	5	1	1	0	0	0	88	98
Classical Civilisation GCSE	9	1	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	56	78
Computer Science IGCSE	14	1	5	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	71	93
3D Design GCSE	17	1	2	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	59	100
Drama GCSE	26	4	7	6	3	3	2	1	0	0	65	88
Science (Dual Award) IGCSE	49	1	11	9	9	7	5	6	0	0	43	76
English Language IGCSE	83	14	25	24	15	2	3	0	0	0	76	96
English Literature IGCSE	83	45	20	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	93	100
French IGCSE	19	9	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	95	100
Further Maths L2 Certificate	28	6	6	1	9	2	1	0	0	0	46	86
Geography GCSE	19	3	8	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	79	95
German IGCSE	10	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	90	100
Greek GCSE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
History IGCSE	43	17	10	6	6	2	1	1	0	0	77	95
Latin GCSE	9	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Mathematics IGCSE	83	20	20	19	8	9	7	0	0	0	71	92
Music GCSE	10	0	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	80	100
Physical Education GCSE	17	8	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	82	100
Physics IGCSE	57	21	15	16	1	3	1	0	0	0	93	98
Religious Studies GCSE	28	8	7	4	6	1	1	1	0	0	68	93
Spanish IGCSE	31	9	7	10	3	1	1	0	0	0	84	97
TOTALS	**767**	**221**	**208**	**162**	**94**	**41**	**26**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**77**	**95**

A Level *Examination Results 2023*

Year 13 Advanced Level Results

47 candidates made 110 entries at A Level. The pass rate was 100%, with 48% at grades A* or A, 79% at grades A* to B and 92% at grades A* to C. 18 of these candidates also completed the Extended Project Qualification and 78% were awarded A* or A grades. 2 candidates sat AS Level Maths and 100% were awarded the top grade A.

Results correct as of September 2023.

Subject	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	% A*/A	% A* to B	% A* to C
Art	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Biology	17	2	6	6	1	2	0	47	82	88
Business	7	1	1	2	2	0	1	29	57	86
Chemistry	17	1	5	7	2	2	0	35	76	88
Classical Civilisation	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Computer Science	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
3D Design	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	67	67	67
Drama	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	33	67	100
Economics	6	2	2	1	0	1	0	67	83	83
English Literature	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100
French	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	100	100
Geography	8	3	3	1	1	0	0	75	88	100
German	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	100	100
History	8	0	3	3	1	1	0	38	75	88
Latin	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	100	100
Maths	15	3	6	3	2	1	0	60	80	93
Music	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	50	100
PE	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Physics	6	2	0	1	1	2	0	33	50	67
Politics	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	50	100	100
Psychology	18	2	6	6	4	0	0	44	78	100
Religious Studies	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
Sociology	6	1	0	4	1	0	0	17	83	100
Spanish	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	50	100	100
TOTALS	**141**	**25**	**43**	**44**	**18**	**10**	**1**	**48**	**79**	**92**

Class of 2023 *Destinations*

Course of Study	University
Aeronautics and Astronautics	University of Southampton
Applied Medical Sciences	Swansea University
Architecture	University of the Arts London
Biochemistry	University of Nottingham
Biological Sciences	University of Roehampton
Biological Sciences	University of Warwick
Biological Sciences	Bournemouth University
Business with Marketing	Anglia Ruskin University
Classical Studies	University of Exeter
Computer Science	University of Manchester
Computer Science	University of Leeds
Economics	University of Bath
Economics	UCL (University College London)
Economics	University of Manchester
Economics	SOAS University of London
Engineering (with a foundation year)	University of Sussex
Flexible Combined Honours with Study Abroad	University of Exeter
Flexible Combined Honours with Work Abroad	University of Exeter
Geography	University of Leeds
History	University of Southampton
International Relations and Politics	Cardiff University
Law with Criminology	University of Leicester
Liberal Arts and Sciences	University of Birmingham
Medical Pharmacology	Swansea University
Medicine	Semmelweis University in Budapest
Medicine	King's College London, University of London
Medicine	Queen Mary University of London
Medicine	University of Nottingham
Modern Languages	University of Bristol
Modern Languages	University of Nottingham
Neuroscience	Queen Mary University of London
Neuroscience with Psychology	University of Sussex
Philosophy and Politics	University of Manchester
Politics and International Relations	Queen Mary University of London
Politics and International Relations	University of Bristol

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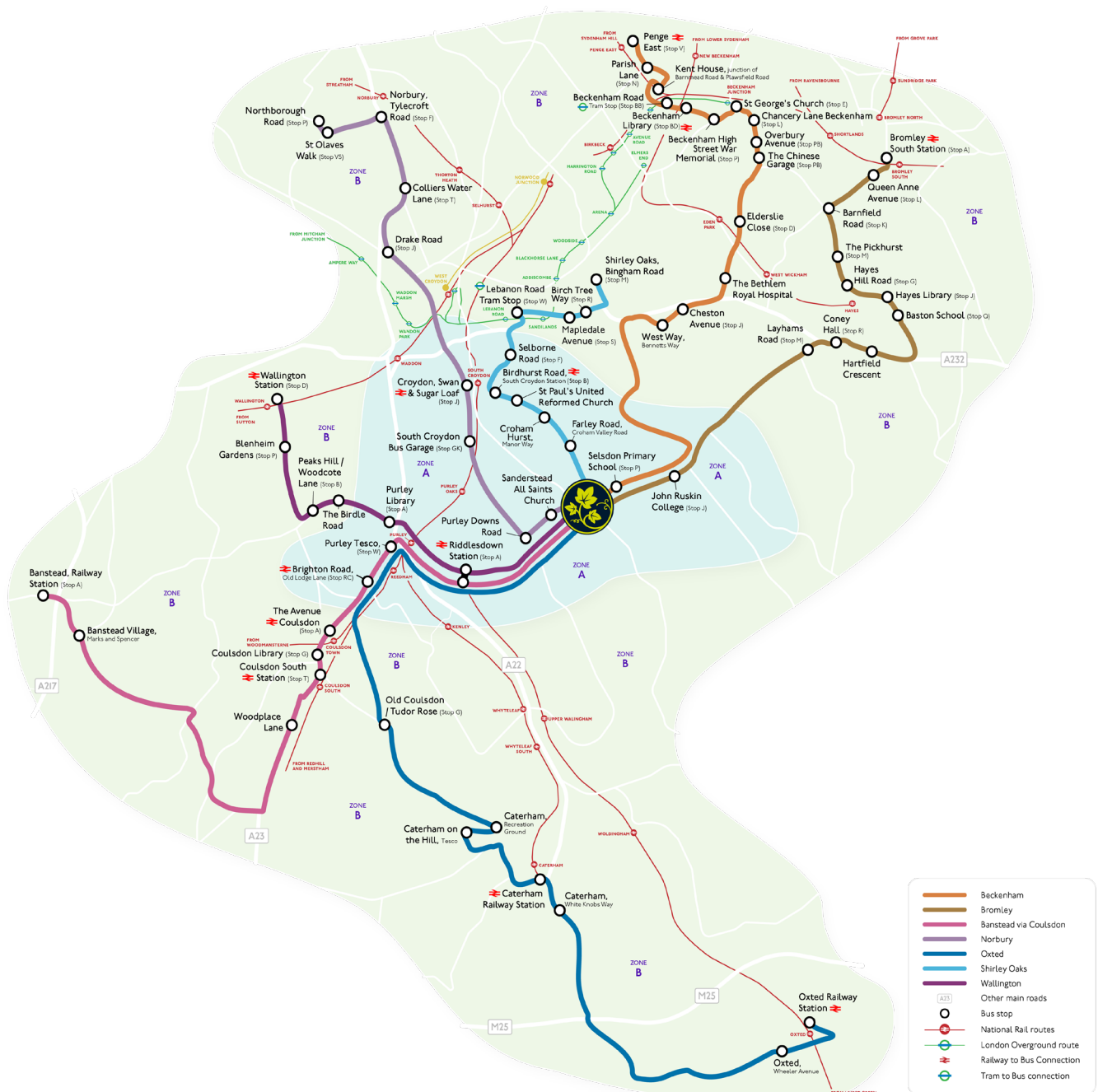| Course of Study	University
Popular Music Performance	BIMM University
Project Management	Degree Apprenticeship with Gardiner & Theobald accredited by Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Psychology	University of Kent
Psychology and Criminology	University of Brighton
Psychology in Education	University of Birmingham
Psychology in Education	University of Bristol
Psychology with Placement Year	University of Sheffield
Social Work	University of Sussex
Sociology	York St John University
Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences	University of Birmingham

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

KEY ADMISSIONS DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
Saturday 7 October 2023 | 09:00-12:30

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
Saturday 7 October 2023 | 09:30-12:30

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
Thursday 12 October 2023 | 19.00-21.00

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 7 MAIN APPLICATION FORM
Monday 6 November 2023

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 7 BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
Monday 6 November 2023

YEAR 7 ART & DESIGN, DRAMA, MUSIC AND SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications shortlisted and successful candidates attend assessments, w/c 27 November 2023

YEAR 7 ENTRANCE TEST DAY
Friday 5 January 2024
Individual times to be advised

YEAR 7 2024 OFFER LETTERS ISSUED END OF JANUARY

DEADLINE FOR YEAR 9 MAIN APPLICATION FORM
Friday 8 December 2023

YEAR 9 ENTRANCE TEST DAY
Thursday 8 February 2024

Please Note: The above dates may be subject to change