



Welcome to the Southend High School for Girls Launchpad 2020!

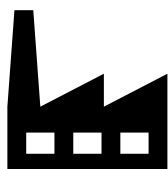


Each year, SHSG is successful in helping more local girls aspire to a Grammar School education. The SHSG Launchpad is a series of events designed to give your daughter a flavour of Grammar School life, whilst extending her experience and understanding of a variety of subjects. The sessions also provide an opportunity for your daughter to familiarise herself with some of the skills that she will need to demonstrate in the 11+. The Launchpad starts as a series of Saturday Schools followed by four after school 11+ familiarisation sessions. You can sign up for as many of the Saturday Schools as you would like and/or the 11+ familiarisation sessions.

Launchpad - Saturday Schools



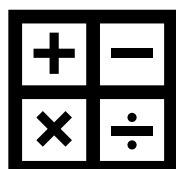
25th January 2020, 9.30am -12.30pm - Express Yourself...Students take part in a morning of creative expression trying their hand at Art, Music, Drama and Technology. The sessions will be active and hands on giving the students the opportunity to explore the full range of creative facilities that we have at SHSG.



8th February 2020, 9.30am – 12.30pm - The Story Factory...Drawing on the skills of the English, Geography, Psychology and Sociology departments, students will learn how to write stories that will excite and delight the reader. They will combine an understanding of how the brain works in order to really get into the minds of their characters. They will see how context adds to the realism of a story and learn some devices that authors use to keep us on the edge of our chairs.



13th June 2020, 9.30am – 12.30pm - Space Mission...A space themed day with a series of interstellar missions that will draw on all three sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Students will find themselves analysing space rock, hunting for alien life forms (Water Bears) and building a rocket capable of delivering a probe into space.



27th June 2020, 9.30am – 12.30pm - GLAM...Our legendary GLAM (Girls Leading Applied mathematics) maths session returns. These maths masterclasses broaden the pupils' horizons of Maths beyond the constraints of the curriculum. Active learning is very much the order of the day with the students trying magic number tricks, using iPads and exploring patterns.

Launchpad - 11+ Familiarisation Sessions

We will also be running our very popular 11+ Familiarisation sessions again this year. These consist of a meeting (parents only) to talk through the 11+ process followed by two Maths and two English sessions for students.

- **Tuesday 12th May or Thursday 14th May 2020** – Parents' 11+ familiarisation meeting (parents only)
- **Tuesday 2nd June 2020, Tuesday 9th June 2020, Tuesday 16th June 2020 and Tuesday 23rd June 2020 – 4pm-5pm** - 2 x Maths and 2 x English sessions.

Due to the popularity of these sessions, places are limited and subject to availability. Where possible, we will endeavour to place your daughter in as many of the Saturday Schools that she would like to attend. There is an administration fee of £5 per Saturday School session and £20 for the four 11+ familiarisation sessions. This is payable once your place at each session has been confirmed.

Priority area (SS0-SS9), Pupil Premium students and students who have not received 11+ tutoring will be prioritised. Places will be free to students who qualify for Pupil Premium funding. If you do not qualify for Pupil Premium, but require financial assistance, support may be available. Please contact us at launchpad@shsg.org.

To apply for a place on the Launchpad sessions, please go to our website www.shsg.org and click on the Parents /Year 5 parents: Launchpad 2020 tabs. To access the page, you will need to enter the username **year5parent@shsg.org** and password **SHSG4SUCCESS!**