



Wirral Grammar School for Girls | *Prospectus*



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Wirral Grammar School for Girls has been inspiring and educating girls since 1931. The focus is very much on the individual, enabling every girl to fulfil her potential, both educationally and socially.

The success of the school speaks for itself. We achieve very high positions in Performance Tables. Ofsted grade us as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

We have the highest expectations of all our pupils and staff and we are as ambitious for our girls as they are for themselves. Pupils enjoy learning and are self-motivated, working independently to achieve their own personal targets. Almost all our girls go on to higher education and rightly aspire to demanding and fulfilling future careers.

The girls excel in so many areas, but it is their good humour, enthusiasm, and curiosity which never fail to impress. Everyone enjoys being here - pupils, teachers and staff alike; as you walk through the door you can feel the energy within the school. A sense of opportunity pervades the corridors. The girls embrace challenges both in and out of the classroom and, as a result, truly maximise their individual potential. We can see this not only in their outstanding academic achievements but in other interests which they pursue to the very highest levels.

At the root of our success is the focus we place on teaching and learning. We seek to combine the best of traditional approaches with innovative teaching methods to ensure lessons are dynamic and exciting. We aim to foster a love of learning and debate and provide a broad and balanced curriculum that supports the intellectual, practical, creative, aesthetic, emotional and physical development of the girls, according to their abilities, needs and interests.

Wirral Grammar School for Girls is a selective grammar school for girls aged between 11 and 18. This prospectus offers a flavour of the balance which we seek to achieve between hard work, personal responsibility and enjoyment. We hope that you will want to share in our success and become part of our community. Please do come to visit us and sample the energy that enables and empowers the girls at Wirral Grammar School for Girls.



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The girls benefit from excellent facilities. We have recently completed an £11 million, five year site redevelopment and now have access to the most up-to-date resources, ensuring that we are perfectly placed to prepare our pupils for life in the twenty-first century.

Our main school buildings date from 1931 when the school was first opened. However, today all classrooms have interactive whiteboard technology and all curriculum areas have dedicated computer facilities. Our library and Art department as well as two further computer suites are fully equipped with the latest Apple computers. We also have four suites of Windows based systems.

The Science department has nine modern fully equipped laboratories, two sixth form teaching laboratories and its own ICT suite. In Physical Education the girls benefit from a large sports hall, dance studio and fitness suite, offering up-to-date keep fit equipment. We also have a traditional gymnasium as well as outdoor grass and hard surface games areas.

We have a modern multi use studio theatre that is utilised extensively in Drama and Performing Arts lessons as well as public performances. Our Music department is housed in a modern suite of rooms which include teaching, composition and practice areas.

Our Design and Technology rooms benefit from the latest computer aided design and manufacturing equipment as well as modern food and textile production facilities.

Our sixth formers have dedicated study rooms and a computer room as well as a common room with kitchen facilities.



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Our main priority is to ensure that the learning experience your daughter has is the best it can possibly be.

We place great emphasis on tracking pupils' learning experience at an individual level. Lessons are monitored by senior teachers, as well as outside inspectors, to ensure that they are effective, enjoyable, focussed, and delivering the highest standards. Following these stringent processes ensures that lessons are inspiring opportunities for the girls to engage with a learning journey that will take them to Year 13 and on to a confident future.

Our experience enables us to get the balance just right. We will academically stretch your daughter to ensure she reaches her best possible standard of achievement at GCSE and A level. However, we also value the wider learning experiences that will make her a rounded, confident young woman prepared for a successful future.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9), all pupils follow a broadly-based course which goes beyond the National Curriculum by including a second foreign language (French, German or Spanish). Computer Science is taught by specialist staff as well as being used across the curriculum. Classes are mainly taught in tutor groups with smaller numbers in Technology and some setting by ability in Mathematics (from Year 7), Science (from Year 8) and Modern Foreign Languages (from Year 9).

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11), all girls take the core subjects of English Language and English Literature, Mathematics, a language (French, German or Spanish) and a humanities subject. Most girls opt to do three separate science subjects at GCSE. Pupils are able to make two or three further subject choices from our optional courses. A detailed book outlining all available courses and option choices as well as a comprehensive programme of advice for parents and pupils is provided before option choices are made.

The Sixth Form is a vibrant and intellectually challenging community. Over 27 academic A levels are available as well as a strong core programme of General Studies, Cambridge Pre U, Core Mathematics, Physical Education, The Extended Project and community work. Please see our separate Sixth Form prospectus for further information.

We invite you to judge for yourself: talk to any one of our girls and you will see why we are a most outstanding school.





Enriching



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Wirral Grammar School for Girls is more than just an outstanding academic institution. Lessons are balanced by a wide choice of pursuits outside the classroom. Girls are encouraged to try something they have never tried before, exploring hidden talents and the value of teamwork along the way.

There really are so many opportunities here. Girls have a huge range of talents and we cultivate their eagerness to try new things. Girls are given opportunities to represent the school in a wide variety of sports at which the school excel at both local and regional competitions. Many of our girls compete individually at national level.

Music is a real strength in the school. Currently over 400 girls receive instrumental music tuition from a number of visiting music tutors. Many of these girls perform in our ensembles, orchestras, bands and choirs covering a wide spectrum of musical tastes including: jazz, classical, swing, multi-cultural and modern song writing.

The school is notably strong in provision for the arts and each year a number of high quality performances involving drama and dance take place. Some of these will be joint productions with Wirral Grammar School for Boys.

Enrichment opportunities in other subjects include Nuffield Science and Engineering Bursaries and courses at Villiers Park, aimed at challenging our very brightest sixth formers. Our girls regularly win Arkwright Scholarships for engineering. A sixth form theatre club broadens the experiences of the arts.

Our house system ensures a steady stream of in-school competitions for girls to enjoy. Older girls have the opportunity to be trained in Reading Recovery to allow them to support early literacy at local primary schools, as well as the chance to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and the National Bar Mock Trial competition.

Success, in all its wonderful diversity, is celebrated at Wirral Grammar School for Girls. The girls inspire each other to broaden their horizons and identify and highlight their passions and talents.



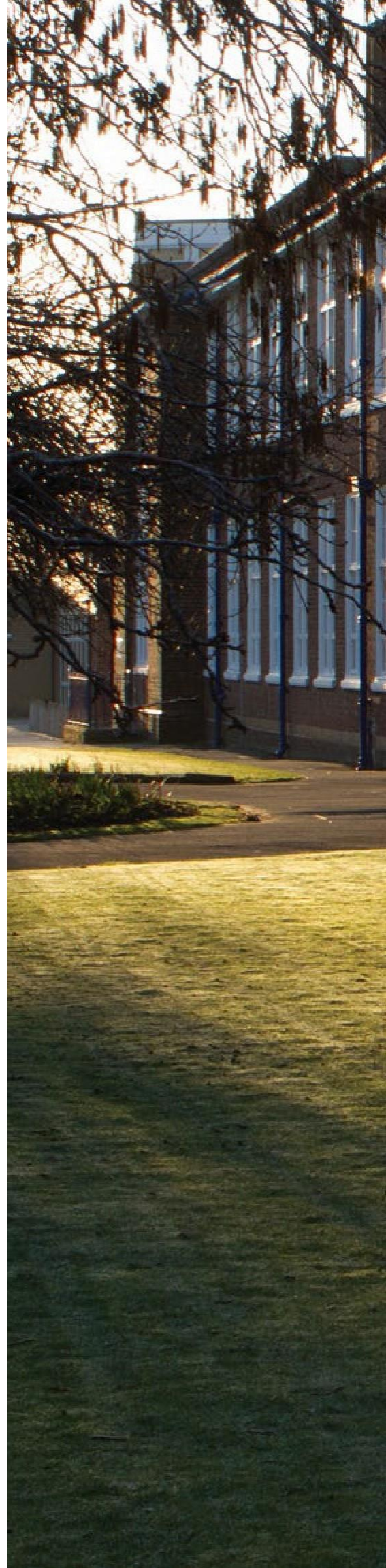
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At Wirral Grammar School for Girls we recognise that our role is not only to enable girls to achieve the very highest examination results that they can, but also to ensure that they successfully navigate their way through their physical, emotional and intellectual development.

Many girls also face additional challenges ranging from making choices about careers or managing relationships to issues around health or self-esteem. At all times, our girls receive caring, friendly and informed support.

Form tutors are highly trained and experienced in supporting members of their forms. They have daily contact with their pupils and are further supported by Heads of Year. One Deputy Headteacher is responsible for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, whilst our other Deputy Headteacher oversees the older year groups. The Sixth Form has its own Pastoral Care team made up of an Assistant Headteacher, form tutors, and two Assistant Heads of Year. These teams meet regularly to discuss the individual needs of pupils, informing and involving parents at every stage. Pupils are further supported by a school nurse, learning mentor and a youth worker who run weekly advice sessions, as well as seeing pupils individually. We also have an in-school counselling service which pupils can access if necessary and run a programme aimed at helping pupils affected by bereavement and loss. Wirral Grammar School for Girls also runs parenting evenings aimed at different year groups which allow parents to access advice on a range of issues including e-safety and personal safety.

Overall, we pride ourselves on caring and nurturing each girl as an individual. From the moment that they are greeted at the entrance by a member of the Leadership Team and the Headteacher to the moment they go home, they are treated as young adults who are being equipped with the skills to engage fully and rewardingly with the wider community.





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