
Junior School Admissions 2025



A GDST school

The Girls' Day School Trust is a unique family of 25 schools across the country and specialists for 150 years in girls' education.

The GDST's Values are:

- We always put **Girls First**. They are the focus of everything we do.
- We are **Forward-thinking**. We stay ahead through purposeful innovation.
- We are **Fearless**. We act and speak with conviction and commitment and we are not afraid of thinking differently.
- We are a **Family** of schools. We support each other and share our learning across our unique network.

In sharing these values, we have specific aims as a school, which guide us in everything we do.

Wimbledon High Aims

Stepping In

We aim for every girl to feel known, supported, confident and able to shine at Wimbledon High.

Striding Out

We aim for every girl to leave us prepared to shape the society in which she lives and works.

We will do this, across the whole school by:

- Encouraging resilience, independence and kindness;
- Nurturing curiosity, scholarship and a sense of wonder;
 - Promoting excellent teaching and learning;
- Running a broad, inspiring co-curricular programme.

In this guide, we've gathered together the day-to-day information you need: fees, how to apply, registration deadlines and contact details of our Admissions team. Please do call or email us if you have any questions that are not answered here, colleagues will be glad to help:

020 8971 0900 / junior-admissions@wim.gdst.net.

Welcome

We understand that choosing a Junior School for your daughter can be a daunting process. After all, it's not just a school you are choosing; you're setting your daughter on the first steps of her educational journey and choosing a family which she, and you, could belong to for 14 years, and many more years to come.

As you consider whether Wimbledon High Junior School might be the right fit for your daughter, we want to give you as much information as possible so you understand the essence of us,

feel what sets us apart and makes our school so unique.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school in person soon and in the meantime, we have tried to share as much of school life as possible on our website. By reading our news, the blogs written by our students, watching video clips and by following our accounts on social media, you can see the breadth of the opportunities we offer and get a sense of the strength of our community and the happiness of our girls and our parents.

The Junior School

We are a welcoming, friendly Junior School, running two parallel classes from Reception to Year 6.

Being part of Wimbledon High School means that we can benefit from the facilities of a much larger school, such as our onsite swimming pool, playing fields, auditorium, theatre and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) space.

As a through-school, we wholeheartedly believe in the powerful benefits of a

4-18 education and the capacity we have to nurture success and happiness in our girls from the first day of Reception right through to the end of Sixth Form - now in our wonderful new Sixth Form centre.

We aim and hope for all of our Junior girls to transfer into the Senior School.

Happy and confident girls learn best, so our pastoral care is at the heart of everything we do.



See more at wimbledonhigh.gdst.net

Junior School Admissions

Our main point of entry into the Junior School is at 4+ to join Reception. Outside of this vacancies may occasionally arise in Years 1-6, as families may relocate out of London or the UK for work reasons.

Making a 4+ application

If you would like to enter your daughter for our 4+ admissions for a place in our Reception class in September 2025, please complete her application by noon on Friday 27 September 2024.

The non-refundable registration fee is £150 (£200 if applying from overseas) and covers our administrative costs.

Our online application form can be found on the “Joining Reception” Admissions pages of our website.

Before you begin to complete the registration form please make sure you have the following to hand:

- a scan of a passport style photo – of your daughter, any clear head and shoulders shot JPEG /PNG format
- a scan of any relevant medical or educational psychologist’s report (if applicable)

- a scan of your daughter’s passport (and VISA or biometric card if applicable), clearly showing her name and date of birth (if the child does not have a passport please upload a scan of her long birth certificate)
- VISA/MasterCard debit or credit card to pay our non-refundable Registration Fee.



The deadline for applications for Reception in September 2025 is noon Friday 27 September 2024.

We cannot accept application forms after the deadline has passed.



Our Admissions process for joining Reception

Admissions into Reception at WHS are managed by Ballot Process. Girls may be registered for entry at 4+ at any time from birth until the end of September in the year prior to starting school, although we must emphasise that no priority is given to early registrants.

Registrations are accepted until the end of September of the year preceding entry into the school. It is also a requirement for parents to visit the school at least once before their daughter is entered into our ballot draw.

We hold regular open events throughout the year - please visit our website for more details.

The ballot is drawn in early October and offers made soon afterwards. Girls not offered a place by ballot are placed on our waiting list.

Siblings of girls attending WHS at the time of ballot will be automatically allocated a place in our Reception class provided they have registered before the application closing date.

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4+ Admissions Step by Step Guide

Key Dates for Reception 2025 Entry

1

Register your daughter by 27 September 2024

2

Visit Wimbledon High School

We hold regular open days throughout the year

3

September 2024
Confirm your daughter's Registration

We'll be in touch to ask you to confirm your daughter's registration for the ballot

4

October 2024 Ballot Draw

Ballot draw completed, offers made and waiting list is created

5

November 2024

Acceptances of offers due by mid November

6

Spring and Summer Terms 2025

Fun Stay and Play mornings and Induction events

7

September 2025

The WHS Journey begins!



Occasional Places in the Junior School

Whilst 4+ is our main point of entry into the Junior School and we no longer have a formal 7+ entry point, an occasional vacancy may arise in any other year group from Year 1 to Year 6, as families move overseas or out of London with work commitments.

If you are interested in an occasional place for your daughter, the first step to take is

to contact the Admissions office: junior-admissions@wim.gdst.net or to complete our Occasional Vacancy enquiry form which is available on our website. This will allow us to retain your details and in the event that a vacancy arises in your daughter's cohort, we will contact you to invite you to make a formal application and to invite your daughter to attend an assessment with us.

Our assessment process for Occasional Vacancies

All candidates who make an application for an occasional vacancy are invited to attend an assessment at the school.

Our assessment process varies depending on the age of the candidates: younger girls, will be invited for one-to-one assessments with one of our teachers, whilst from Year 2 upwards, assessments will take place in a classroom setting, allowing girls to experience an "ordinary" morning in the Junior School.

Following the assessment, we will inform parents as to whether we are able to make their daughter an offer or not, or whether we would like to add her to our waiting list, should any subsequent places become available.



Applying from Overseas

If you apply for a place for your daughter from overseas, the non-refundable registration fee is £200.

Provided that she is registered before the deadline and that her parents have visited the school, an overseas candidate can be entered into our 4+ Ballot Draw.

For those applying for an occasional vacancy from overseas, it is usually possible for arrangements to be made for applicants to sit entrance examinations under the supervision of their current school.

Important Information

Our Junior School is strongly family orientated and we have many siblings throughout both our Junior and Senior Schools.

Alongside our ballot draw for entry into Reception, we operate a sibling policy under which registered younger siblings of girls already attending WHS at the time of ballot will be automatically allocated a place in our Reception class.

Outside of 4+ entry, we do not offer priority to siblings. All girls are asked to sit an assessment before the offer of a place can be made. If two candidates are equal in all other ways, preference will be given to the sister of a girl already in the school.

Our full Admissions policy may be viewed on our website.

On the website you will also find all school policies on matters such as safeguarding, special educational needs, data privacy and health and safety (hard copies available from the school office should you wish), as well as information about the curriculum, co-curricular activities and pastoral care, the terms and conditions of acceptance of a place and practical details about the school day, school uniform and school meals.

On the Junior Admissions pages of our website you will find Frequently Asked Questions.



For further information about any aspect of our Admissions please contact Junior School Admissions Registrar, Claire van der Merwe: c.vandermerwe@wim.gdst.net.

School fees

Our school fees are set by the Girls' Day School Trust and cover tuition and school text books.

Junior School fees for the 2023 - 24 academic year are: £5,999 per term. Fees are reviewed annually by the GDST in the summer term. A term's notice will be given of any change to fees.

Fees are payable by direct debit termly: Autumn, Spring and Summer, or monthly by arrangement.

Lunch is compulsory for Junior girls; the charge in 2023-2024 is £276.00 per term. In a normal year, there is also a termly trips charge which is approximately £30 a term. In addition, families may opt for individual instrumental tuition for their daughters (from Year 1 upwards). These fees are charged separately by peripatetic music teachers.



Our ethos and academic results

School life is about so much more than examination success: fun and friendships, finding passions for life within a rich and varied co-curricular programme and having opportunities to volunteer within the local community.

We are extremely proud of our outstanding academic results, yet we are prouder still of the grounded young women who wear their success lightly, who find and use their voices for good and who stride out of Wimbledon High to a huge range of academic courses and careers beyond.

A level results 2023

Mathematicians, English specialists, Lawyers, Social scientists and Aeronautical Engineers were amongst the students who headed to their futures from Wimbledon High School in the Summer of 2023. A level examination results were excellent, enabling students to access a range of fascinating university courses in the UK and beyond,

with leavers also bound for degree apprenticeship and art foundation courses.

A level results 2023



72% A* - A

GCSE results 2023

GCSE results were equally impressive. Wimbledon High School is proudly a 9 GCSE school, allowing students time for enriching study of our bespoke Politics, Philosophy and Economics course in Year 10. As an academic school we value the chance for a scholarly approach to learning that is not just about taking exams but sets students on a path for independent study and creative collaboration with peers.

GCSE results 2023



93% 9 - 7



Junior Leadership Team

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Wimbledon High School is conveniently situated in the heart of Wimbledon.

The station is a few minutes' walk away, serving National Rail, London Underground and Tramlink. Buses 93, 493, 200, 57 and 131 stop nearby.

If you are driving to Wimbledon to visit the school, please use one of the two public

car parks marked on the map and allow plenty of time. Parking in Mansel Road and surrounding roads is limited to a few metered bays. We regret that there is no visitor parking available on the school site.

Our playing fields are at Nursery Road, a ten minute walk down Worple Road.



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