



**ST PAUL'S**  
GIRLS' SCHOOL



Information for parents 2019 entry

## Dear parents

I am delighted that you are considering St Paul's for your daughter and hope that you will find this information booklet useful and informative.

Choosing the right senior school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will make. These are her most formative years; a period in her life when she will acquire greater self-awareness with a richer understanding of the world around her and of its challenges and opportunities. The experience will help to shape her ideas, her sense of identity, and her ability to navigate the world with confidence. It will influence the way she relates to others, and the direction she will travel in later life. It will also offer her an enormous source of inspiration, fun and adventure. As a family, you need to be sure that the school provides the right opportunities for you and that our ethos chimes with your own aspirations.

As a first step, I would encourage you to attend an open day, so that you can see and feel the school for yourself. I look forward to meeting you then, but in the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Richardson, Head of Admissions either by phone, 020 7605 4882, or by email, [admissions@spgs.org](mailto:admissions@spgs.org).

We hope you enjoy your visit.

**Sarah Fletcher**  
**High Mistress**

## Ethos

As soon as you walk through the door of St Paul's you feel its warmth and creative energy.

Founded in 1904, St Paul's was one of the first schools to believe in the importance of educating women to fulfil their potential, giving them the skills and confidence to take their place with pride in a modernising and fast-moving world. That tradition remains at our core.

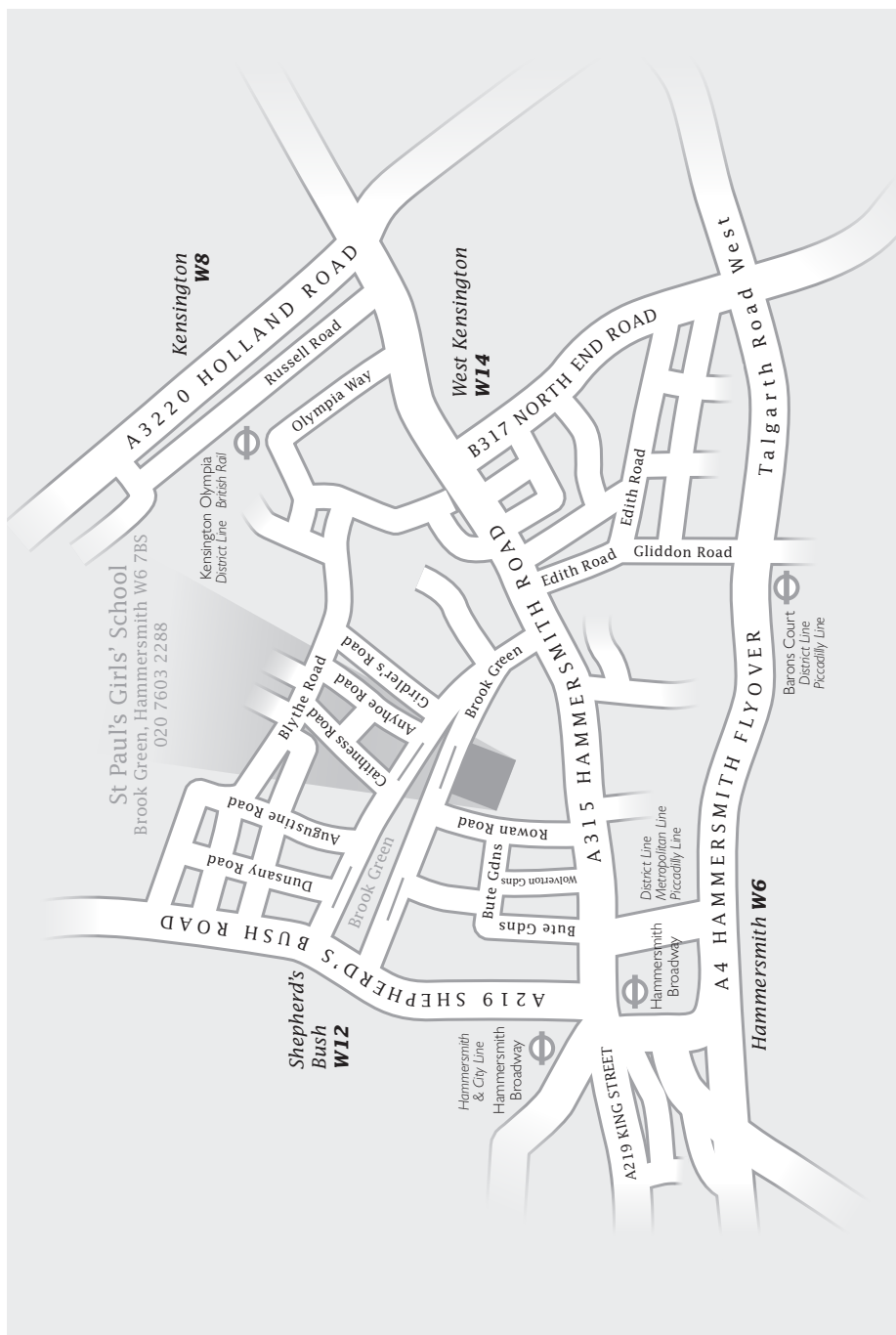
The academic heart of St Paul's is enhanced and lightened by the warm relationships between staff and girls, the sheer joy they have in learning, and the encouragement everyone is given to dig deeper; to explore ideas, to challenge preconceptions and to develop their own ideas. Learning here is not just about passing exams. It is about a love of academic pursuits, inspiration and imagination. It is about the quest for 'very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore'.

From its very beginning, and in advance of its time, St Paul's embraced a liberal ideology. We believe that true potential can only be unlocked when given the freedom to grow. Our rules are few and relationships are relaxed, yet respectful. We have no uniform and girls are encouraged to develop their own passions and interests. Our curriculum is broad with plenty of opportunity for individual research, discussion and debate. Music and drama are open to all and are performed to a very high standard. The art studio is an oasis of creative energy. Sport is played with verve and distinction, and opportunities of all sorts are magnified many times over in the clubs and societies on offer. There is never a dull moment at St Paul's!

Success here is not a collective measure. What matters to us is the happiness and achievements of each girl according to her own lights and ambitions. Our students take ownership of their lives, to embrace opportunity and to grow in resilience and self-reliance.

St Paul's is a caring and generous community. Laughter is never far from the surface and friendships abound. The girls are encouraged to develop a strong spirit of philanthropy, and to engage with those around them who are less privileged than themselves. The school itself has links with groups at home and abroad who benefit from our support. Our bursary scheme provides us with a wonderful opportunity to offer the full breadth of our education to talented girls whatever their background, and to enrich the school beyond measure with their energy and inspiration.

We are proud of our school, and proud too that over the years our alumnae have contributed significantly on a national and global stage. An education at St Paul's is an extraordinary preparation for life.



## Admissions process YEAR 7

Entry to St Paul's is by competitive examination and interview and we have a large number of applicants. The school suits some girls but not all and we warmly invite families to attend an open day to learn more.

### Open events

Open events will be held in Autumn 2018 and can be booked through our website [www.spgs.org](http://www.spgs.org). At other times of the year, tours can be organised by telephoning the Admissions office on 020 7605 4882. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

### Registration

#### By Friday 9 November 2018

A **registration form** and **examination entry form** should be completed and returned to the Admissions office, together with a copy of the candidate's birth certificate, the ethnic monitoring form and a cheque for £125 to cover the registration fee. **Parents of girls applying for a bursary place only and not a full fee-paying place should return the forms but do not need to pay the fee of £125.** Following receipt of completed admissions paperwork, your application will be acknowledged and further details concerning the admissions process will be sent out at each stage.

We would like to draw your attention in particular to our requirements concerning travel to/from school and residency together with our admittance of siblings policy.

Girls are required to live within a reasonable distance of the school and should not be travelling for more than 50 minutes each way. We may decline to pursue an application

where in our opinion it may require an unrealistically demanding journey for the girl.

As we have no boarding facilities at St Paul's, it is our requirement that all girls must live in London with a parent during term time, including weekends, for the duration of their education. Parents of applicants currently overseas must confirm that a parent will be resident in London during term time as well as confirming their visa status.

Siblings do join us but admission for siblings is not automatic and all girls must meet the school's entry requirements in order to be offered a place. There is no preferential treatment for girls who already have a sister at the school.

Further details can be found in our Admissions policy available on the website at [www.spgs.org/school-policies](http://www.spgs.org/school-policies).

### Examination process

#### On-screen computer test

All candidates will be sent an appointment to come to St Paul's for approximately one hour during the week **Monday 19 November - Friday 23 November 2018** to complete an on-screen computer test to identify potential. Practice materials are not provided but you can get a flavour of using the test on a computer by accessing:

[www.intuproject.org/CEMSelect/CSFamiliarisation.html](http://www.intuproject.org/CEMSelect/CSFamiliarisation.html)

This test should only be taken once. If candidates sit this for entry to another school first, we may take into account the data produced from their first attempt as the resulting data may be shared. Results of this stage of the selection process will be posted on **Monday 3 December 2018**.

## Written examinations

Successful candidates will be invited to sit our entrance examinations which will be held on **Monday 7 January 2019** at St Paul's. Further details will be sent to you but generally candidates spend the day at the school and are put in groups of about 20 girls. Candidates sit three papers which cover maths, English and comprehension skills. Some of our current girls help on the day and various breaks, including a mid morning break, a lunch break and an opportunity to take part in a non-assessed activity, are scheduled into the day to make this what we hope will be a happy experience.

## Tutoring

Our assessment process is designed to identify natural ability and potential and we examine candidates from a very wide variety of backgrounds. It is therefore important for us to know as much as possible about the nature of the preparation from which a candidate has been able to benefit. It is also important for us to be able to identify over prepared candidates who may perform well in our assessments but who are unable to sustain the required pace when they join the school. When applying you will be asked to provide key information drawing particular attention to any private tutoring which your daughter has had. Incomplete information may prejudice a candidate's chances of being considered properly at the decision stage.

## Sample entrance papers

Sample papers can be downloaded from our website at the following address:

[www.spgs.org/admissions/entry-at-11/academic-preparation/](http://www.spgs.org/admissions/entry-at-11/academic-preparation/)

## Interviews

Following success in the examinations, girls will be short listed for interview. You will be notified of the outcome of the examinations on **Wednesday 16 January 2019**. Interviews will be held during week commencing **Monday 21 January 2019**. Interviews will last about 15 minutes and it will not be necessary for your daughter to bring anything with her.

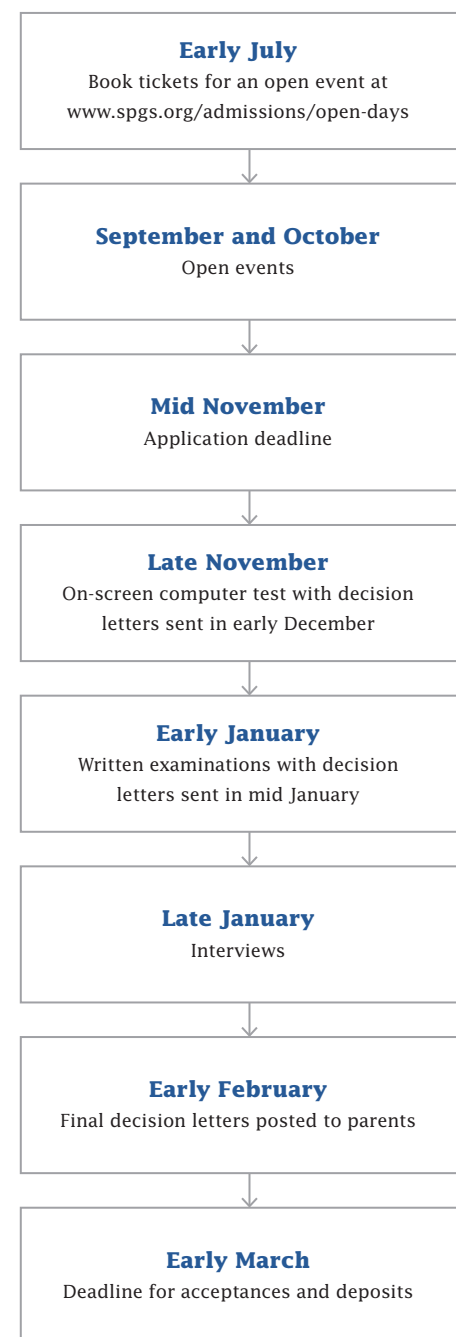
## Results

These will be posted on **Thursday 14 February 2019**, the same day as the schools in the North London Consortium. You can telephone the Admissions office on **Friday 15 February 2019** if results have not been received by then.

Acceptances to offers should be with the Admissions office as soon as possible and at the latest by 9am on **Monday 4 March 2019**, together with a deposit of £4,149 (50% of a term's fees), although reduced deposits apply for successful bursary candidates. An additional overseas deposit is required if one or more of the persons who are jointly and severally responsible for paying the fees is resident outside the United Kingdom.

We will send you a pack of information early in the summer term, together with invitations to various summer term events.

## Summary of Year 7 admissions process



## Admissions process YEAR 12

### Open events

Open events will be held in the Autumn term 2018 and can be booked through our website [www.spgs.org](http://www.spgs.org). At other times of the year, tours can be organised by telephoning the Admissions office on 020 7605 4882. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

### Registration

#### By Friday 12 October 2018

The **year 12 entry form** should be completed and returned to the Admissions office, together with a copy of the candidate's birth certificate, a personal statement, the ethnic monitoring form and a cheque for £125 to cover the registration fee. **Parents of girls applying for a bursary place only and not a full fee-paying place should return the forms but do not need to pay the fee of £125.** Following receipt of completed admissions paperwork, your application will be acknowledged and further details concerning the admissions process will be sent out at each stage.

We would like to draw your attention in particular to our requirements concerning travel to/from school and residency together with our admittance of siblings policy.

Girls are required to live within a reasonable distance of the school and should not be travelling for more than 50 minutes each way. We may decline to pursue an application where in our opinion it may require an unrealistically demanding journey for the girl.

As we have no boarding facilities at St Paul's, it is our requirement that all girls must live in London with a parent during term time, including weekends, for the duration of their education. Parents of applicants currently overseas must confirm that a parent will

be resident in London during term time as well as confirming their visa status.

Siblings do join us but admission for siblings is not automatic and all girls must meet the school's entry requirements in order to be offered a place. There is no preferential treatment for girls who already have a sister at the school.

Further details can be found in our Admissions policy available on the website at [www.spgs.org/school-policies](http://www.spgs.org/school-policies).

### Examination process

#### Written examinations

Girls will sit short tests in the four subjects they wish to study on **Tuesday 30 October 2018**.

#### Interviews

Following success in the examinations, girls will be short listed for interviews. You will be notified of the outcome of the examinations by email from **Friday 9 November 2018**, and interviews will be held on **Wednesday 14 November** and **Thursday 15 November 2018**. Interviews will cover each candidate's academic performance and wider interests, and girls should expect to spend half a day at the school.

#### Results

These will be posted in **early December 2018**.

Acceptances to offers should be with the Admissions office as soon as possible and at the latest by noon on **Monday 10 December 2018**, together with a deposit of £4,460 (50% of a term's fees), although reduced deposits apply for successful bursary candidates. An additional overseas deposit is required if one or more of the persons who are jointly and severally responsible for paying the fees is resident outside the United Kingdom.

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## Summary of Year 12 admissions process





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# Bursaries and scholarships

## Bursaries

A bursary is a means-tested award and its value is related to the income and financial resources of the girl's family. The maximum value of the bursary can be the full published fees.

We have set a target to fund up to 20% of girls through our bursary programme.

### Who can apply?

Awards will be offered for girls on entry:

- who meet the school's normal academic and residence requirements
- whose parents have demonstrated their inability to afford a full fee-paying place
- who have normally attended a maintained school (exceptions may be made depending on the individual situation)

Parents are encouraged to contact the Director of Operations if they wish to discuss their application and possible assistance based on their financial circumstances.

### Levels of assistance

The level of financial assistance available will be unique to each application, and will range from a part bursary to full 100% remission of school fees. Each year bursaries are reassessed and parents will be required to submit an annual declaration of income and assets. Subject to there being no change in circumstances, the bursary will continue throughout the student's time at the school.

Where a student benefits from 100% support, the school meets the costs of one extra subject such as music or an extra PE activity, school trips or visits of up to a total of £250 per academic year, travel to and from school (where it is not possible for a student to take advantage of the free travel on buses or trams that is offered by Transport for London) and the cost of public examinations. A 100% award

holder will also receive a one off grant of £500 to assist with initial costs and a further grant of £250 at the start of year 10 to assist with the cost of equipment. Every award holder receives an allowance for text books of £225 a year.

## How to apply Year 7 entry

### Step 1

If you wish to apply for a bursary for year 7, please indicate this on the examination entry form. The deadline for entry forms for September 2019 entry is **Friday 9 November 2018**. The entrance exam will take place on **Monday 7 January 2019**.

### Step 2

You will then be asked to complete a preliminary bursary application form, which will take into account capital resources as well as income. The deadline for submission of the application form is **Monday 7 January 2019**.

### Step 3

Bursary applications are considered once examinations and interview have taken place and you may receive a home visit by the Director of Operations and a senior member of our academic team to discuss the application in more detail. Home visits will take place in **February 2019**.

### Step 4

If your daughter is then offered a place, you will be notified as to whether you will receive a bursary, and for what amount. Offer letters are sent out shortly after the home visits have taken place. The value of a bursary will be confirmed after the completion of an updated annual income assessment form in **Summer 2019**.

If we are unable to offer you a bursary, please be aware that 'a full fee-paying place' is a commitment for up to seven years if your daughter joins at age 11, and continues at St Paul's until the age of 18 years.

## Year 12 entry

### Step 1

If you wish to apply for a bursary for year 12, please indicate this on the entry form. The deadline for entry forms for September 2019 is **Friday 12 October 2018**. The entrance exams will take place on **Tuesday 30 October 2018**.

### Step 2

You will then be asked to complete a preliminary bursary application form, which will take into account capital resources as well as income. The deadline for submission of the application form is **Monday 5 November 2018**.

### Step 3

Bursary applications are considered once examinations and interviews have taken place and you may receive a home visit by the Director of Operations and a senior member of our academic team to discuss the application in more detail. Home visits will usually take place in **late November/early December 2018**.

### Step 4

If your daughter is then offered a place, you will be notified as to whether you will receive a bursary, and for what amount. Offer letters are sent out shortly after the home visits have taken place. The value of a bursary will be confirmed after the completion of an updated annual income assessment form in **Summer 2019**.

If we are unable to offer you a bursary, please be aware that 'a full fee-paying place' is a commitment for the two years of the senior school.

### Enquiries

For further details visit our website at [www.spgs.org](http://www.spgs.org)

Telephone: 020 7605 4881

E-mail: [directorofoperations@spgs.org](mailto:directorofoperations@spgs.org)

## Scholarships

The following scholarships are awarded in year 7:

■ **Music scholarships** are awarded on the basis of practical audition and interview by the Director of Music and other music staff. They are based in the value of lessons in two instruments/voice and are currently worth £1,632 per annum. Music scholarships at 11+ are tenable for five years when scholars will be able to apply for a 16+ (year 12) scholarship for their final two years at St Paul's. (Music exhibitions may also be awarded following the auditions at the discretion of the Director of Music. They are based on the value of lessons in one instrument/voice and are currently worth £816 per annum. As with scholarships, exhibitions are tenable for five years.)

The following scholarships are awarded in year 12 for new joiners:

■ **Art scholarships** are awarded on the basis of participation at a workshop day, including discussion of a portfolio and a short interview, with our Director of Art and other art staff. They are based on the sum of £250 per annum tenable for the two years of senior school, and scholars will play a full and responsible role in the artistic life of the school. (Scholarship candidates will need to be applying to study Art at A level.)

■ **Drama scholarships** are awarded on the basis of an audition, workshop and interview with our Director of Drama and other drama staff to candidates who show outstanding potential as an actor or director. They are based on the sum of £250 per annum tenable for the two years of senior school. (Scholarship candidates will often study Drama at A level, however, those able to demonstrate a significant commitment to co-curricular drama will also be considered.)

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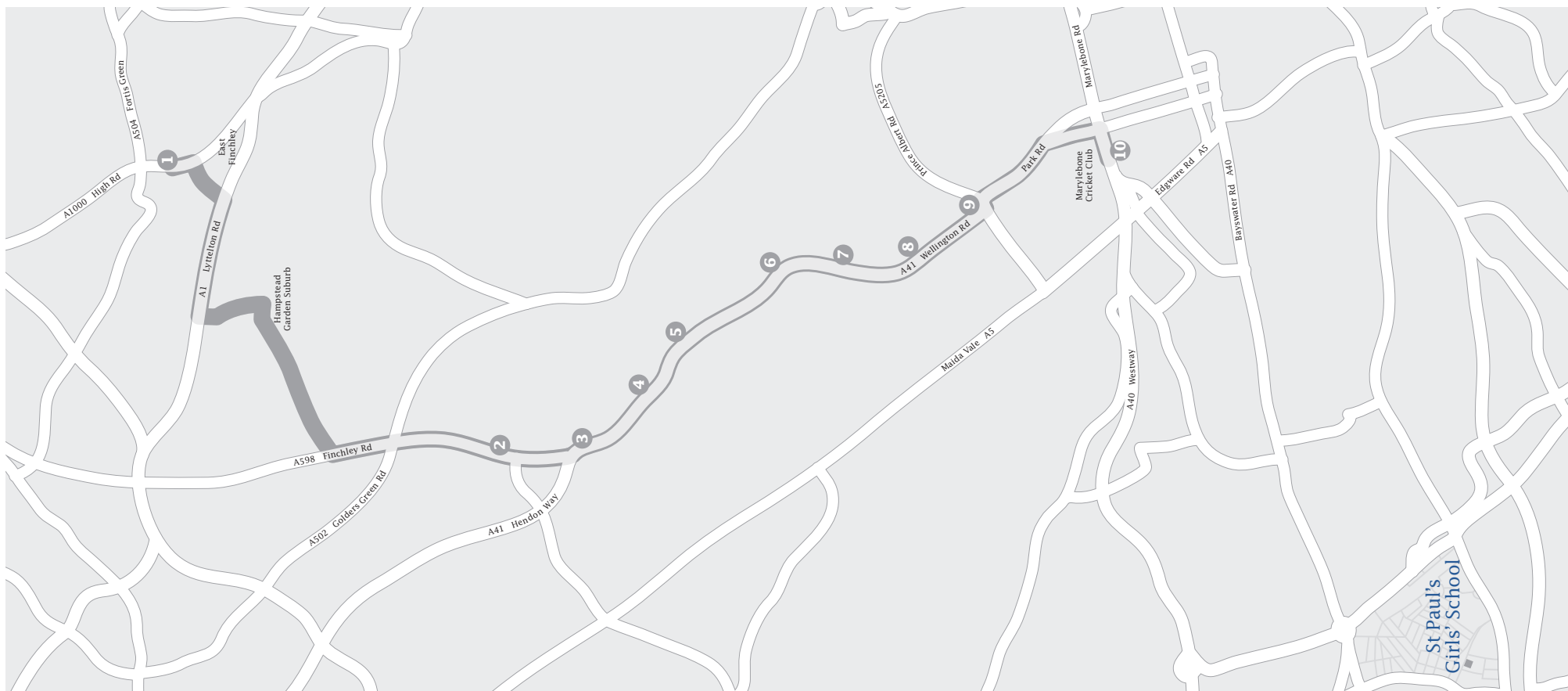
■ Singers of grade 6 or 7 standard who demonstrate a commitment to singing in a choral setting may apply for a music exhibition. They are based on the value of lessons in voice and are currently worth £816 per annum.

## Clubs and societies 2018-2019

Athletics	Flute Choir	Netball
Badminton	Football	Origami Club
Baroque Ensemble	French Choir	Paulina Voices
Basketball	French Debating Club	Peer Support
Brass Group	Fun Fitness	Philosophy Society
Bridge	Geography Society	Physics Society
Cantamus	German Culture Club	Psychology Society
Chamber Music Club	Hans Woyda Team	Recorder Group
Chamber Orchestra	Highly Strung	Re-Store
Charities Committee	History and Politics Society	Robinson Society
Chess Club	History of Art Society	Rock Band
Choir – Junior School	Homework Club	Rounders
Choir – Middle School	Interactive Sound Club	Rowing
Choir – Senior School	Italian Culture Club	Russian Short Stories Club
Christian Forum	Japanese Society	Sanskrit Club
Clarinet Ensemble	Jazz Ensemble	Saxophone Ensemble
Classics Club	Jewish Society	School Council
Classics Society	Journalism Team	Science Club
Close Harmony	Junior Art Club	Scuba Diving Club
Codebreaking Club	Junior History Society	Self Defence
Comedy, Commedia and Clown Club	Junior Improv Club	Sinfonia Orchestra
Computer Programming Club	Junior Maths Team Challenge	Slavonic Society
Concert Band	Karate	Space Society
Contemporary Dance	Kickboxing	SPEAC
Costume Club	Kirillitsa	Studio Recording Club
Cover to Cover	Knit and Stitch Club	Swimming
Creative Writing	Lacrosse	Swing Band
Cricket	LAMDA	Technical Club
Cross Country	Law Society	Tennis
Dead Poets Society	Life Class	Theatre Company
Debating Society	Linguistics Club	Theatre Society
Dissection Society	Literary Society	Theology Club
Drama Club	Lower School	Trampolineing
Duke of Edinburgh	Architecture Society	Volleyball
Electric Ensemble	Mathematics Club	Vox Radio
Engineering Education Scheme	Mathematics Society	Waterpolo
Equestrian Society	Medical Society	Wind Band
Feminist Society	Minimus Primary School Latin	Yoga
Fencing	Model UN Society	
Film Society	Natural History Society	
	New Views Playwriting	

The availability of clubs and societies may change year on year. There is a fee for some activities.





## North London School Bus Service

(the route and timings may change year on year)

Stop no.	Approx pick up time	Pick up point	Approx drop off time
1	07.20	East Finchley, bus stop opposite tube station	17.25
2	07.30	Golders Green, on Finchley Road – junction with West Heath Avenue	17.12
3	07.35	Finchley Road, bus stop, Platts Lane	17.07
4	07.38	Finchley Road, south of Heath Drive	17.03
5	07.44	Finchley Road, opposite Finchley Road tube station	16.57
6	07.46	Swiss Cottage, bus stop before one way system (opposite McDonalds)	16.54
7	07.50	St John's Wood, St John's Wood tube station	16.47
8	07.53	Regent's Park, bus stop near Mosque	16.43
9	07.58	Baker Street, first bus stop on Marylebone Road	16.40
<b>Arrival</b> 08.20 St Paul's Girls' School			

## Wimbledon/Putney School Bus Service\*

(the route and timings may change year on year)

Stop no.	Approx pick up time	Pick up point	Approx drop off time
1	07.30	Wimbledon War Memorial	16.50
2	07.40	Junction of Larpent Avenue and Hazlewell Road, Putney	16.35
<b>Arrival</b> 08.20 St Paul's Girls' School			

\*This route is not shown on the map

Both bus services will leave the school at **16.20** for the return journey.  
The drop off points are at bus stops close to the morning pick ups.

## Aims of the School

### 1. Education

To offer an exceptional education for girls, which is both innovative and challenging and which prepares them as individuals to lead successful and fulfilled lives.

### 2. Wellbeing and lifestyle

To maintain a supportive and outward-looking community with excellent pastoral care which acknowledges the particular needs of young people in contemporary society.

### 3. Recruitment and admissions

To recruit students of conspicuous potential, irrespective of background, to achieve an intake which echoes the diversity of London as a capital city.

### 4. Human resources

To attract and retain staff of the highest calibre, providing excellent continuing professional development.

### 5. Estate and facilities

To develop the existing site, technical infrastructure and management processes to reflect the character and evolving needs of the school.

### 6. Relationships and communication

To build strong links with the school and wider communities, enhancing the reputation of St Paul's as the pre-eminent girls' day school, influencing educational debate and policymaking.

### 7. Sustainability

Working to the best standards of compliance, regulation and environmental responsibility, to ensure that St Paul's continues to thrive as a school, a charity and a business.

## Further Information

### Results of public examinations

GCSE and A level results for summer 2018 are available on our website: [www.spgs.org/academic/results](http://www.spgs.org/academic/results) or alternatively through the school office.

### Policies

Prospective parents should be aware that school policies are available on the school website: [www.spgs.org/school-policies](http://www.spgs.org/school-policies) They are also available from the school office. These policies cover: admissions, anti-bullying, behaviour, complaints, curriculum, educational visits, equal opportunities, expulsion removal and review, fire safety and emergency plan, first aid, health and safety and instruction notices, ICT code of conduct for pupils, learning support (including EAL), managing nut and other allergies, mental health and wellbeing, missing pupil, safeguarding (child protection), supervision of pupils, visitors, and terms and conditions – parent contract.

### ISI Inspection report 2017

This is available via the school website or at [www.isi.net/schools/7035](http://www.isi.net/schools/7035)

### Staff

Details of the teaching staff employed at the school are available on our website or alternatively from the school office.

### Contact details for the High Mistress

Mrs Sarah Fletcher  
St Paul's Girls' School  
Brook Green  
London W6 7BS  
020 7603 2288

### Contact details for the chairman of governors

The chairman of governors, The Hon Timothy Palmer can be contacted either at the Worshipful Company of Mercers, Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London EC2V 8HE or through the school at the address above.

On our website [www.spgs.org](http://www.spgs.org) you can find much more information about St Paul's Girls' School: what we offer, what it's like being part of the St Paul's community and a lot of other practical information.