

*An outstanding
education should
open doors, hearts
and minds...*

*At South Hampstead High School,
we believe education should prepare
pupils for the journey into life and
work, and for the part they can play
in a fast-changing world.*

*We embrace that world and aim to
foster in every girl a love of learning
that lasts a lifetime.*





We want our girls not just
to succeed, but to thrive –
intellectually and personally.





South Hampstead is well-established as one of London's top schools, welcoming girls from four to 18.

As an all-through school, we believe in preparing young women for a future in which they define their own success and lead happy, fulfilled lives.

Examination grades and university destinations place us comfortably among the leading schools in the country. But what counts just as much as headline achievements is a richness of experience – intellectual, creative and personal. Underpinning our students' success is a bedrock of pastoral care and personal development opportunities that includes more than 140 co-curricular clubs and activities.

We bring in the outside world at every opportunity, to ignite a love of learning and foster a culture of curiosity and kindness. When a young woman leaves South Hampstead she will have explored a tapestry of knowledge and developed an impressive portfolio of skills as part of a carefully planned curricular and co-curricular strategy.

We want our young women to develop a strong sense of self – of their interests, their strengths and their voice – as well as strong values, a questioning mind and a sense of community.

For a glimpse of a forward-looking school with nearly 150 years of learning behind it, explore www.shhs.gdst.net. For the best sense of what a South Hampstead education can offer, come to one of our Open Days and meet our extraordinary pupils and staff. We look forward to welcoming you.

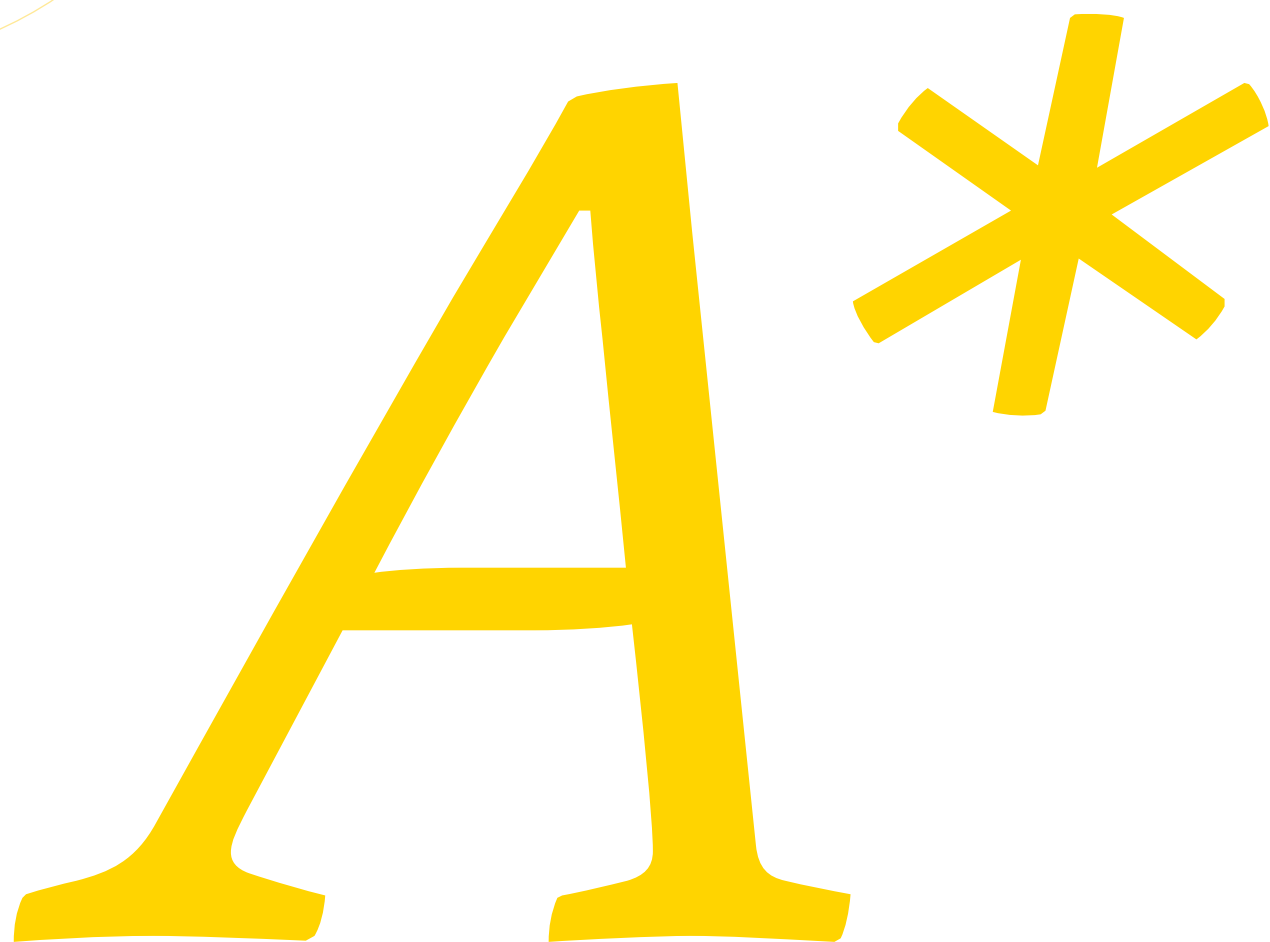
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MRS VICKY BINGHAM
MA (Oxon)
Headmistress

A young girl with dark hair in a braid, wearing a white floral headband and a school uniform, looks over her shoulder. In the background, other children in school uniforms are visible, slightly out of focus.

“A creative and liberal start to education, where girls are encouraged to speak out and challenge themselves inside and outside the classroom.”

— THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE



Academic standards are high here, but numbers and results are never the whole story.

We foster a spirit of aspiration, resilience and a real joy in learning which equips all our girls for life.

COOKIE CUTTER

NO 'COOKIE-CUTTER' PUPILS HERE*

While universally outstanding results is one priority, universally different people is another.

Every girl's personality and potential are precious.

That's why we give them every chance to shine, nurturing curious, imaginative and creative learners who can think laterally and work independently.

Whether joining the Junior School, Senior School or Sixth Form, girls soon discover that South Hampstead is a friendly and inspiring place where they can flourish.

*That's not to say we don't like cookies. Each year we bake several thousand (enjoyed by pupils, staff and visitors to our Open Days).

Junior School



What will you find at South Hampstead's Junior School? Curiosity, creativity, energy and laughter – and a burning ambition to help each girl make the best possible start to school life.

From their very first days here, pupils are exposed to a wealth of inspiring learning opportunities. This is a place that sparks the imagination and new interests, where each girl begins to find her own voice. It's a place where pupils are encouraged to work collaboratively, to innovate and take risks, and to communicate with flair. And it's a place where your daughter's happiness, and her joy in learning, come first. We want her to be excited about each day at school, and for you to feel reassured she'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge she needs for a seamless transition to life in the Senior School.

MS CAROLINE SPENCER
MSc (Sheffield) BSc (Leeds)
Junior School Head





JUNIOR SCHOOL

This is a place that encourages intellectual curiosity, deep thinking and academic excellence.

Our innovative curriculum is full of opportunities for girls to develop their problem-solving and thinking skills, learning along the way to embrace errors and bounce back when things don't go according to plan.

But learning at South Hampstead is just as much about warmth, fun and a respect for individuality as it is about achievement and excitement. In equal measure, across a broad curriculum, these aspects give our girls the best possible start.



A secure, caring and positive atmosphere helps cultivate each girl's self-esteem and build her confidence in becoming an independent, inquisitive and reflective learner.



South Hampstead students love to learn. There is a spirit of enquiry that animates every lesson, encouraging questions to be asked, answers to be found and debates to be set in motion. The store we set by the power of ideas is evident in the quality of the conversation, both inside and outside the classroom.

Senior School



SENIOR SCHOOL

*Teaching in the Senior School is
as passionate as it is rigorous.*

Our teachers possess in-depth subject knowledge and expertise and also an innate ability to inspire each student to excel, both as scholars and as individuals.

With life beyond South Hampstead on the horizon, our curriculum allows each girl to explore a deep and expansive body of knowledge, and to discover their strengths and interests via a broad, balanced range of subjects.


A rich tapestry of enrichment opportunities such as societies, leadership roles, independent learning projects and inspiring guest speakers allows every girl the freedom to grow, to give back and to shine.

‘Incredibly dedicated and
intellectually stimulating.’*

— SENIOR SCHOOL PUPIL

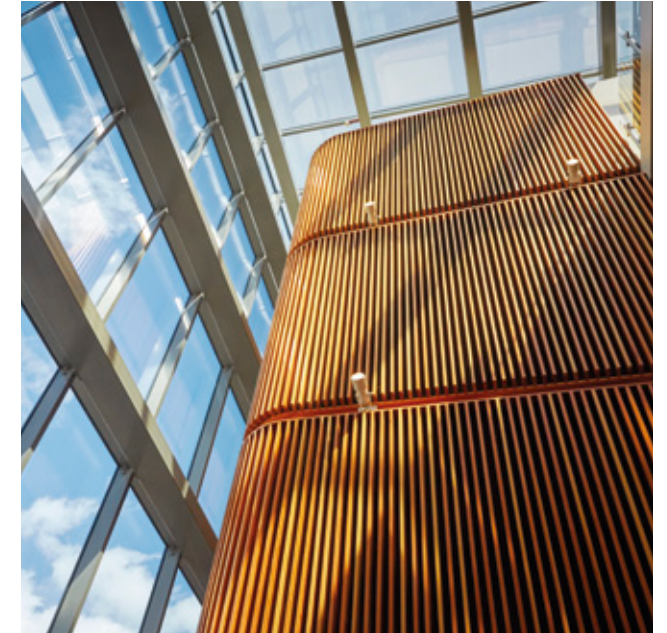
*Something that can be said about both our
teachers and pupils.



A young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark blue school polo shirt with a crest on the left chest, is focused on writing in a blue notebook. She is in a classroom setting. In the background, two other students are visible but out of focus: one on the left with blonde hair and one in the center with long dark hair. The background shows a window with colorful posters or papers pinned to it.

‘Strong-minded, confident girls who achieve
whatever they set out to do.’

— SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT



There's a buzz of activity and enthusiasm around the school that's infectious. We have created a rich, varied environment that naturally stimulates curiosity and a delight in learning, while honing practical, investigative and creative skills across the curriculum.

Sixth Form



The Sixth Form opens the door to a world of new opportunities, both intellectual and personal. It's why so many girls describe their final two years at South Hampstead as their very best.

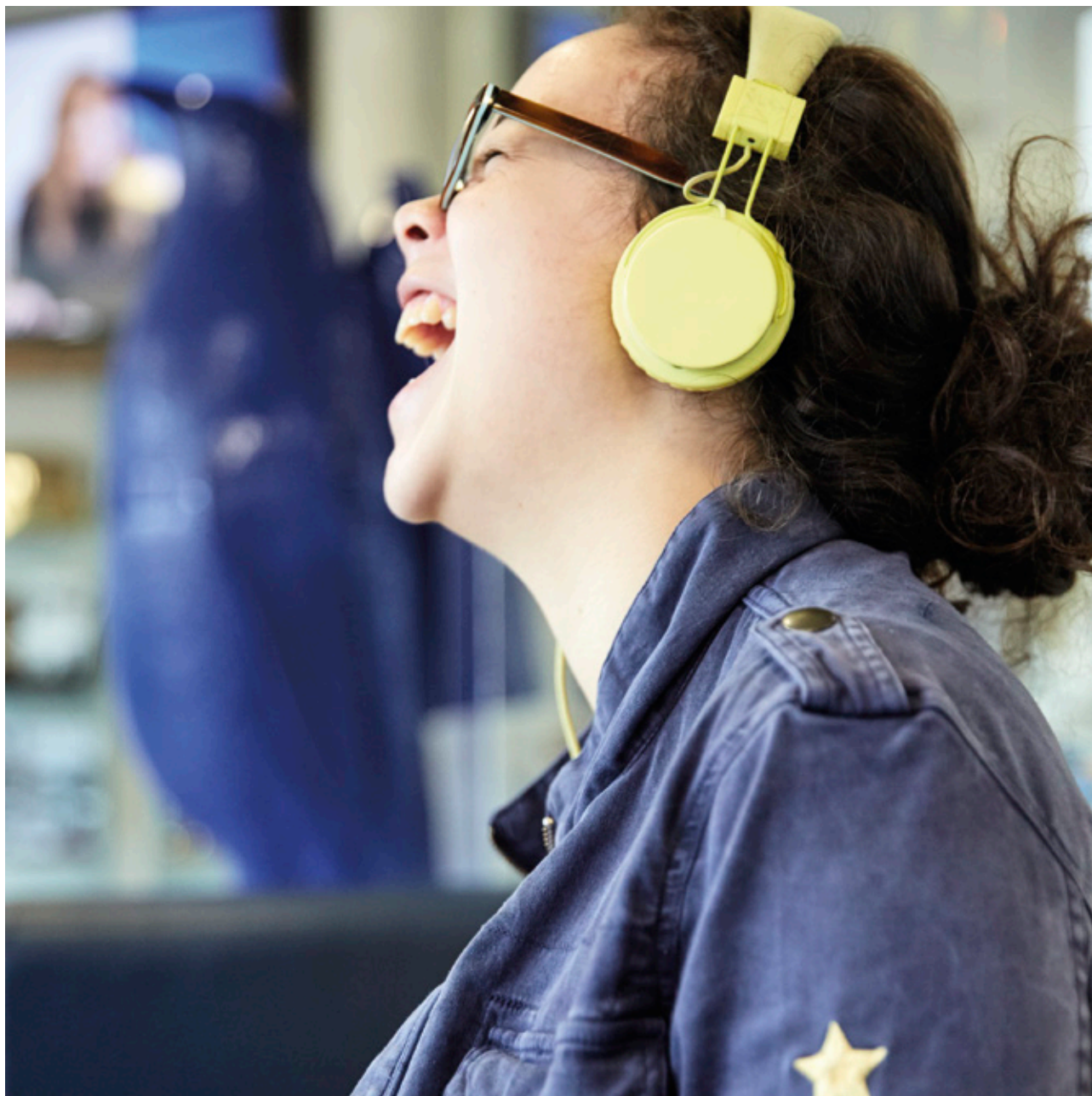
Students quickly feel at home in a place that's buzzing with activity and fun, with teaching that helps them achieve exceptional A Level results.



Our enriched curriculum reaches beyond the confines of A Level demands and keeps even the most curious and creative minds stimulated.

Our aim is for our students to engage with some of the best thinking and most inspiring knowledge, not just in their A Level studies, but in the broader Sixth Form intellectual curriculum. We regard A Levels as just the starting point for a genuinely transformative period in our students' lives.





Each year, our leavers go on to pursue their dreams and make their mark on the world. And they head in all directions, to leading universities both here and overseas, and to all points on the academic spectrum, from sciences, medicine and law to music and the arts.

We can't wait to see what they go on to achieve in their years ahead.

Throughout the school, life beyond the classroom is as much a part of learning as any academic subject.

We aim to engender an attitude of sport for life and sport for all South Hampstead girls.

The school also provides an environment in which the creative can thrive. Our commitment to the arts runs deep, and begins early – from the youngest years.





ART, DRAMA & MUSIC

Creative thinking is at the heart of the South Hampstead ethos, but so too is creative output. All girls have the opportunity to explore the arts with the support of specialist teachers including world-class musicians, poets, writers and artists in residence.

Playing and performing are encouraged from the earliest years. It is what has won the school a reputation for the arts and helped our pupils to win awards and competitions on a regular basis.





SPORT

Education is not just about work-readiness; it should inspire our pupils with a love of learning, be it in a chosen field or on the field.

We want every girl to find their sporting niche – and there are plenty of choices from the dozens of different sporting activities on offer.

Our Going for Gold programme allows our most talented sportswomen to strengthen their skills and abilities, supporting those who compete at county and national level.





CO-CURRICULAR

We are proud to be a busy, buzzing school with a lot going on.

Alongside every girl's timetable of lessons there is a busy calendar of talks, trips, clubs and community activities that complement her formally-taught subjects.

They are not just optional extras; we see them as critical to academic and life success.

65+

SPORTS TEAMS AND
CLUBS TO JOIN

140+

ACTIVITIES BEFORE,
DURING AND AFTER
SCHOOL EACH WEEK



PASTORAL CARE

South Hampstead is a warm and friendly community where every girl's well-being and progress matters. We have carefully planned structures in place as well as dedicated, caring staff who provide proactive and empowering pastoral care.

We put pupils on the path to becoming architects of their own happiness – which means supporting them if and when they hit bumps in the road. Our aim is to develop engaged, confident and resilient young women and to help prepare them to become morally responsible citizens of the future.

SOUTH HAMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL

*Opening doors,
hearts and minds
since 1876*



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