





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

*At South Hampstead High School,  
we aim to foster curiosity and a  
love of learning. We want all our  
pupils to achieve their academic  
potential, develop a sense of self, and  
feel prepared to play their part in a  
rapidly changing world.*







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







South Hampstead is well-established as a leading light: 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 best 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 a wealth of 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 sense of self, a sense of purpose and a sense of community – as well as strong values and a questioning mind. We seek to equip all our pupils with the skills to take their place in the world as a force for good.

For a glimpse of a forward-looking school with nearly 150 years of learning behind it, explore [www.shhs.gdst.net](http://www.shhs.gdst.net). For the best sense of the illuminating nature of a South Hampstead education, come to one of our Open Days and meet our extraordinary pupils and staff. You can be assured of the warmest of welcomes.

**MRS ANNA PAUL**  
Head of South Hampstead High School

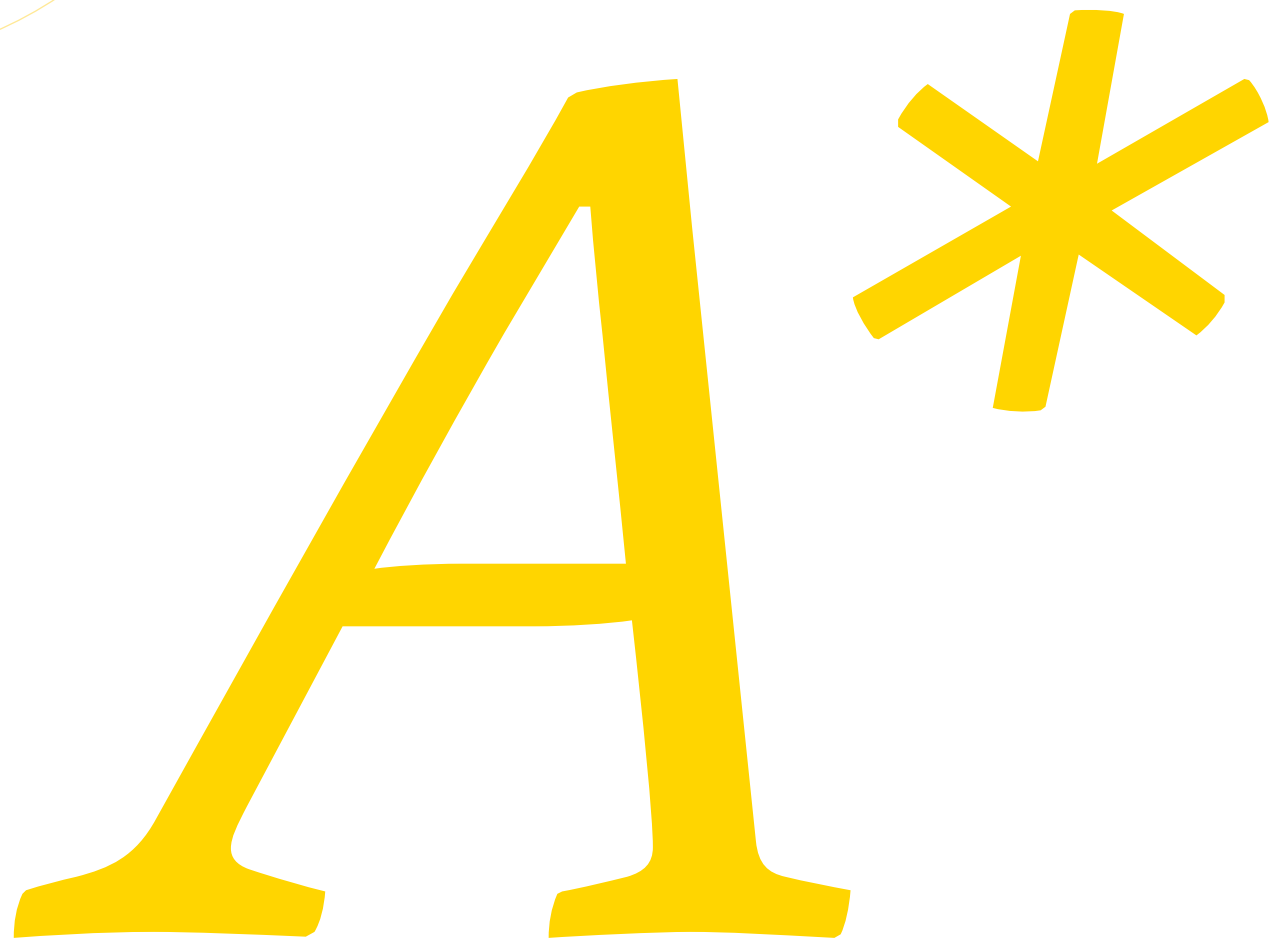


A young girl with dark hair in a braid, wearing a white flower headband and a school uniform, looks over her shoulder towards the camera. In the background, other children in school uniforms are visible, slightly out of focus.

“Pupils warmly embrace the school’s pervasive culture of joyful scholarship.”

— ISI INSPECTION REPORT





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

As well as promoting a spirit of aspiration and commitment, we encourage risk-taking, creativity and an ethos of kindness.

# COOKIE CUTTER

*While universally stellar results is one priority, universally different people is another.*

We want every individual to be confident in who they are and develop their own perspective on how to live fulfilled lives. We support our pupils to become curious, imaginative and creative learners who can think laterally and work independently.

At whatever stage pupils join South Hampstead, girls soon discover a friendly, inspiring place where they have numerous opportunities to shine.

\*Although we don't have a 'cookie-cutter' approach to education, we do bake lots of delicious cookies each year, enjoyed by pupils, staff and visitors to our Open Days!



# *Junior School*



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 your daughter's happiness and joy in learning come first.

We want her to discover a sense of awe and wonder, and for you to feel reassured she'll gain the skills and knowledge she needs for a seamless transition to life in the Senior School.





## 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.





“These girls are articulate,  
independent and resilient.”

— GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE



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.

“Pupils radiate confidence tempered with self-deprecation, humility and good humour.”

— ISI INSPECTION REPORT



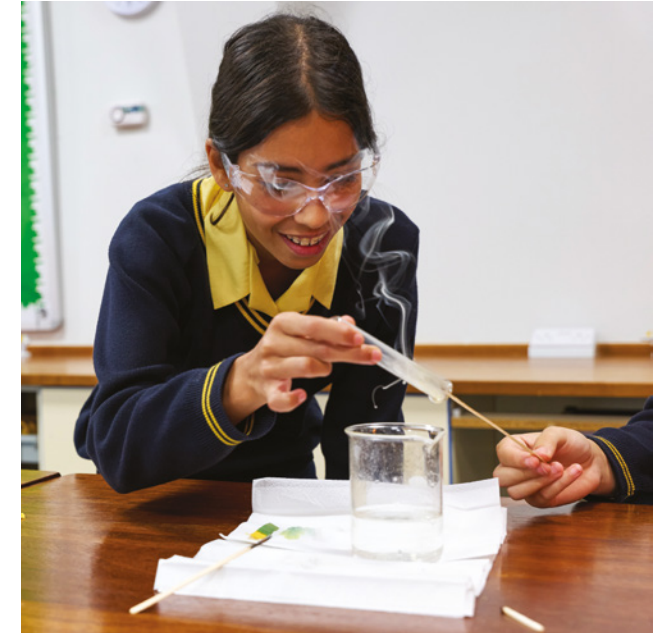




“Edgy, bright and highbrow... girls here  
are going somewhere with purpose.”

— GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE





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.

Free Thinking Fridays provide the chance to explore ideas and expand horizons: students hear from and quiz speakers on high-level thinking across a spectrum of subjects, topical issues and diverse points of view.





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.

Our buzzing *Mehr Licht*\* co-curricular programme and fun-filled House activities provide ample opportunities for every individual to shine.

\*More light — our school motto, attributed to the polymath Johann Wolfgang von Goethe — encapsulates the warmth, energy and brilliance of South Hampstead.







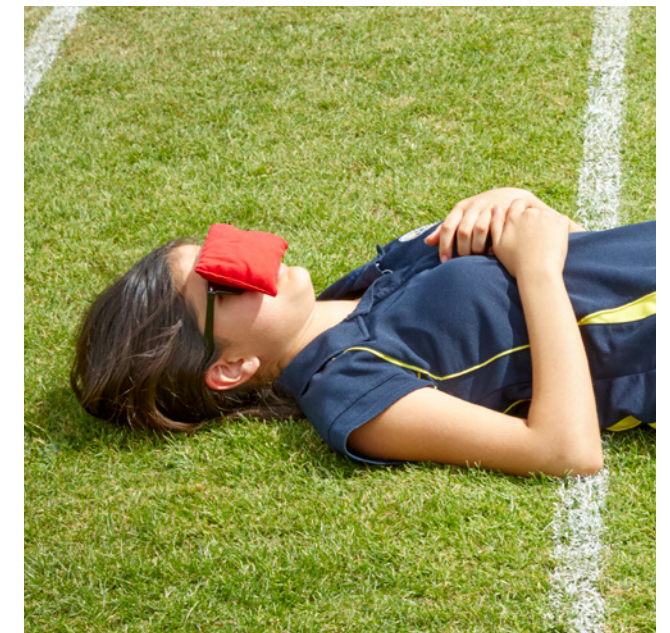
# THE ARTS

Creative thinking, curiosity, collaboration and conversation are at the heart of the South Hampstead ethos. Girls have access to state-of-the-art facilities and the support of specialist teachers including world-class musicians, poets, artists and writers in residence.

Playing and performing are encouraged from the earliest years and our award-winning Debate Hub ensures every girl finds her voice.







## SPORT

Our ethos of inclusive excellence encourages an attitude of sport for life and sport for all.

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 Sports Scholarship and Going for Gold programmes support our most talented sportswomen to strengthen their skills.





## 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 wellbeing and progress matter. 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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