



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
AT LEEDS

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Information – September 2024 entry

Admissions

Visiting The Grammar School at Leeds

We appreciate the best possible way to get an understanding of what we have to offer is to pay us a visit. We hold open doors events throughout the year when you are able to visit us on a normal school day. There is also an annual Open Morning in October which showcases the very best The Grammar School at Leeds has to offer. All our pupils and teachers are in attendance and you can take part in a variety of activities such as chemistry experiments and designing your own river system, see our sports teams in action, listen to our ensembles, explore co-curricular opportunities and hear from our Principal.

Our open events (9am – 12 noon) are:

2023
Sat 14 Oct*
Thu 23 Nov

2024
Thu 21 March
Thu 2 May

We also run Stay and Play taster sessions during the year for families interested in Nursery and Reception.

For those interested in Sixth Form only we have an open evening on **Wed 22 November 2023**.

Please register via www.gsal.org.uk if you would like to attend one of these events.

Making an application

Making an application is a simple procedure of completing the form on our website which can be found at www.gsal.org.uk/apply-online. There is a £75 non-refundable application fee which is payable online. Once we have received your application we will acknowledge receipt and advise you of the next steps.

Application deadlines

The deadline for Year 7 bursary applications is **30 September 2023**.

The deadline for applications for Reception to Year 10 is **30 November 2023**.

The deadline for Year 12 applications (including year 12 bursaries) is **31 December 2023**.

The school is currently full so we advise families applying for September 2024 entry to do so before the deadline.

Applications received after the deadline will go on a waiting list for assessment later in the year, subject to places being available.

* This is our showcase Open Morning event

Fees and bursaries

Overseas applications

We accept applications from overseas and if necessary can arrange assessment at the applicant's current school.

Entrance Exam

As we are an academically selective school all applicants must pass our entrance assessment.

Our entrance assessment for September 2024 entry (Nursery to Year 10) is **Fri 19 January 2024.**

Assessment procedures

Nursery to Year 2 applicants are assessed relatively informally although some reading and numeracy work may be included.

For entry to Year 3 to Year 7 (11+), applicants are required to take written assessments in maths, English reading, English writing and have an interview.

Years 8-10 candidates will be invited in to sit assessments in maths, English, languages and science, as well as a solo interview with the respective Head of Year.

Entry to Year 12 is by interview, personal statement and predicted grades which must be achieved. Minimum requirements are six grade 6s with at least grade 5s in English and maths. Some courses require a minimum grade 7+ to study. Please refer to the **Sixth Form Prospectus** for exact requirements.

In all cases a confidential report is requested from the applicant's school, which along with the assessment results and interview form the basis of our decision.

Contacting admissions

For further information on any aspect of the admissions process please contact our admissions manager, Mrs Alice Atkinson at admissions@gsal.org.uk or call **0113 228 5121.**

Fees 2023-24

Our fees for the academic year 2023-24 are listed below. Fees for the following academic year are announced in April. All fees are due termly in advance.

	Annual	Termly	9-monthly by DD (Jul-Mar)
Senior School	£16,389	£5,463	£1,821
Primary School (Y3-Y6)	£12,240	£4,080	£1,360
Primary School (R-Y2)	£11,214	£3,738	£1,246
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Rose Court Nursery			
5 days	£9,990	£3,330	£1,110
4 days	£7,992	£2,664	£888
3 days	£5,994	£1,998	£666

Primary School lunches are £711 per year. Senior School and Sixth Form use a reloadable card to pay for refectory items. For further information please contact fees@gsal.org.uk or call **0113 228 5127.**

Music scholarships

We offer a small number of music scholarships to new pupils joining the school in Year 7 which are worth either a 20% reduction on school fees or cover the cost of instrumental lessons. Applicants should be approaching or at Grades 4 or 5.

Means-tested bursaries

We offer a limited number of means-tested bursaries for new pupils joining Year 7 and Year 12. These may cover the full fee or part of the fee, depending on household income. Our bursaries are offered to pupils who are academically gifted and whose families meet our financial criteria. We do not offer scholarships based solely on academic or sporting ability.

Bursaries are offered following a rigorous means-testing process which includes a home visit and an assessment of your child's academic performance but please be aware that while our bursary funds are growing steadily, there is extremely high competition for the awards with typically ten applications for every Year 7 bursary and three per Year 12 bursary.

To apply for a bursary for September 2024 entry, please indicate this in your online application and then download and complete the **bursary application form** available on our website.

This must be returned, along with all supporting documentation to our admissions manager, Mrs Alice Atkinson.

The deadline for Year 7 bursary applications is 30 September 2023.

All Year 7 bursary applicants will be invited to an initial assessment on **Thu 2 November 2023.**

The deadline for Year 12 bursary applications is 31 December 2023.

Curriculum

Primary

Rose Court Nursery and Reception

The Early Years curriculum is based around seven areas of learning – communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development, literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. Learning experiences are planned to reflect the children's personal interests. Developing key skills such as creative thinking, active learning and playing and exploring are intrinsic to the curriculum supported through practical and play based activities.

Years 1-6

Learning in Years 1-6 is based around the National Curriculum subjects of maths, English, science, art, computing, design and technology, geography, history, French, music, PE, PSHE and religious studies. There is a particular focus on English and maths with daily lessons in these subjects. We have developed an integrated approach to our curriculum so that much of the learning is organised around a theme for the term. This provides the children with the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of what they are learning, developing key skills and make links between different ideas.

Before and after school care

Before and after school care is available for primary school pupils. For further information on this service please visit the **school website**.

Senior

Years 7-9

Pupils study the core subjects of maths, English, sciences, languages and religious studies. In Year 7 pupils study French, German and Spanish and they continue with two of these into Years 8 and 9. Classics and Latin are also studied in Years 7 and 8 and pupils can elect to continue with Latin in Year 9. Pupils also study art, computing, design technology, drama, food technology, geography, history, music, PE and PSHE.

Years 10-11

The majority of our pupils study for ten GCSEs including the core subjects of maths, English, sciences, a language and religious studies. They also choose three additional subjects from art and design, business studies, computing, drama, food technology, French, German, geography, history, Latin, music, PE and Spanish. Sport and PSHE lessons complete their timetable.

Years 12-13 (Sixth Form)

In Year 12 all students begin studying four A-levels for at least six months and they will begin the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), a self-directed research project equivalent to half an A-level, highly regarded by many top universities.

Students will ultimately take three or four A-level subjects depending on their subject choices, career aspirations and individual circumstances. Most students will complete the EPQ.

Sixth Form students also participate in a programme of enrichment consisting of inspirational speakers, courses and activities including sport, volunteering and mentoring.

Exam results 2023

A-Level results

In 2023, 174 Year 13 candidates sat A-level examinations, with a pass rate of 81% at grades A* to B.

A-Level Grade	Cumulative %
	GSAL
A*	14
A	52
B	81
C	95

Leavers' destinations

In 2023, 94% of our Year 13 students continued to higher education. Five students achieved places at Oxford or Cambridge. Figures provided by UCAS confirm that of GSAL's leavers in 2023:

- 77% were accepted by a higher tariff provider, typically Russell Group universities or Guardian top 30 university
- 17 secured places on highly selective courses for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science
- The top four universities by destination for GSAL leavers were Newcastle, Liverpool, Durham and Warwick.

GCSE results

In 2023, 230 Year 11 candidates sat GCSE examinations, with a pass rate of 70% at grade 7 and above.

GCSE Grade	Cumulative %
	GSAL
9	29
8	51
7	70
6	85
5	94
4	98

These results are preliminary pending requests for re-marks. Some figures may have been rounded to nearest %.

Value added

Regular assessment and monitoring is crucial in helping pupils achieve their potential. When pupils join us in Year 7 they are assessed using a national test and graded against our own data to predict their future grades.

Below are some recent examples of pupils who have achieved significant success due to the quality of our teaching, co-curricular activities, pastoral care and their own hard work and determination.

Achievement in national Year 7 assessment	Projected GCSE grades based on Year 7 assessment	GCSE results achieved at GSAL	Projected A level grades based on Year 7 assessment	A level results achieved at GSAL	University destination
Jack Above average against GSAL benchmark	x4 Grade 8 x6 Grade 7	x8 Grade 9 x1 Grade 8 x1 Grade 7	A x 2 B x 2	A* x 1 A x 3	BSc(Hons) Physics University of Birmingham
Laura Average against GSAL benchmark	x1 Grade 7 x5 Grade 6 x4 Grade 5	x6 Grade 9 x3 Grade 8 x1 Grade 7	B x 1 C x 2	A* x 1 A x 2	BSc(Hons) Economics University of Bristol
Kim Below average against GSAL benchmark	x2 Grade 6 x3 Grade 5 x5 Grade 4	x2 Grade 7 x5 Grade 6 x2 Grade 5 x1 Grade 4	C x 3	A x 1 B x 2	BA(Hons) International Relations Lancaster University

Co-curricular

We know from experience that children who thrive at The Grammar School at Leeds are the ones who take advantage of opportunities outside the classroom. Developing a broad range of skills and interests supports a child's development and provides a much needed balance. This is core to our philosophy of developing the all-round individual.

We provide a broad range of co-curricular activities throughout school beginning at age 3 and increasing in choice and variety as pupils move up the school.

Some examples available include:

Sport:

Athletics
Badminton
Basketball
Circuits
Cricket
Cross Country
Fitness club
Football
Hockey
Indoor rowing
Netball
Rounders
Rugby
Running
Squash
Spin
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tchoukball
Tennis

Clubs and societies:

Art
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts
CCF
Chess
Choir
Concert band
Cookery
Dance
Debating
Drama
Duke of Edinburgh
Eco
Gymnastics
Gardening
ICT
Jazz Ensemble
Media Society
Model United Nations
Music ensembles
Music Tech
Orchestra
UpSoc
Yoga

Travel

We understand entrusting your child's welfare to others when travelling to and from school is a big concern for parents and that is why we offer an award-winning transport service which is both safe and reliable for your child, as well as being environmentally friendly.

All our drivers are employed by our sister company, GSAL Transport. They are fully DBS checked, wear uniform, are first aid trained and tend to stay on the same routes so your child will benefit from the sense of security and familiarity of seeing the same driver daily. Our fleet is regularly checked, serviced and maintained to the highest standards.

They operate 11 bus services including to Harrogate, Wetherby and Ilkley which arrive at school before 8.20am and leave at 4.10pm. Six late buses also operate at 5.45pm for those attending after school clubs.

Free shuttle bus services also operate in the close vicinity of the school. These provide a direct route in and out of school for those wishing to avoid the usual peak time congestion.

Pupils can take the bus from Year 3 although up to Year 6 children must be accompanied at both pick up and drop off points.

The free shuttle bus service is available on ad-hoc basis. All other bus services must be booked before the start of each term for a minimum usage of 3 days per week.

For further information or to view the exact routes please visit the **travel pages** on our website or contact our transport coordinator at **transport@gsal.org.uk** or call **0113 228 5182**.

The information in this booklet is indicative and is correct at time of going to print. It does not form part of any current or future contract with The Grammar School at Leeds.

