



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
AT LEEDS

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Information - September 2021 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 have six open events throughout the year, five which are open doors where you are able to see us on a normal school day and one which is our annual open morning.

The open morning showcases the very best The Grammar School at Leeds has to offer. All our pupils and teachers are in attendance and you can experience a variety of activities such as badge-making and chemistry experiments, 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

2020	2021
Fri 18 September	Wed 10 February
Sat 10 October*	Thu 25 March
Tue 17 November	Tue 11 May

For those interested in Sixth Form only we have an open evening on **Thu 15 October 2020.**

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

Taster Days

We also provide opportunities for prospective pupils to spend a day in school seeing for themselves what life is really like at The Grammar School at Leeds. We find these work particularly well for Year 7 and Year 12 applicants.

Covid-19

Depending on government guidance at the time, our open events may have to run virtually but please register so we can keep you updated. Taster days are currently suspended for the autumn term.

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/admissions/applyonline. 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.

* This is our showcase open morning event

Fees and bursaries

The deadline for Nursery to Year 10 applications is **Mon 30 November 2020**.

There is no deadline for Year 12 applications but early application is advised.

If you are applying for a bursary, please note the earlier deadlines provided on p5.

We also take applications for entry throughout the year, subject to places.

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 2021 entry (Nursery to Year 10) is

Fri 22 January 2021.

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.

Entry to Years 8-9 consist of similar examinations with increasing difficulty. Candidates also have interviews in modern foreign languages and science as well as with the Head of Year.

Year 10 candidates have a series of skills based interviews in the core subjects as well as an interview with the Head of Year. Written papers may be requested in certain circumstances for example, overseas students.

Entry to Year 12 is by interview 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, Miss Alice Gibbons at alice.gibbons@gsal.org.uk or call **0113 228 5121**

Fees 2020-21

Our fees for the academic year 2020-21 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	£14,328	£4,776	£1,592
Junior School	£10,701	£3,567	£1,189
Rose Court	£9,810	£3,270	£1,090
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Nursery			
(3 days or mornings only)	£5,886	£1,962	£654
(4 days)	£7,848	£2,616	£872
(5 days)	£9,810	£3,270	£1,090

Primary School lunches are £570 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 2021 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, Miss Alice Gibbons.

The deadline for Year 7 bursary applications is Sat 31 October 2020.

All Year 7 bursary applicants will be invited to an initial assessment on Sat 14 November 2020.

Year 12 bursary applications are accepted throughout the year but early application is advised.

Curriculum

Primary

Nursery & 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.

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 all our primary school pupils for an additional charge. For further information on this service please visit the *For Parents* section on our website.

Senior

Years 7-9

Pupils study the core subjects of maths, English, biology, chemistry, physics, 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, double science*, 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)

All Year 12 students begin studying four A-levels for at least the first term. The majority of students continue to study four A-levels for the remainder of the academic year but some students may be offered the chance to move to three subjects, depending on individual circumstances and career aspirations.

In addition, all Sixth Formers have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – a self-directed research project equivalent to half an A-level and which is highly regarded by many top universities.

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

*Students may also choose to take the sciences as individual subjects - biology, chemistry and physics.

Exam results 2020

A-Level results

In 2020, 170 Year 13 candidates sat A-level examinations, with a pass rate of 90% at grades A* to B.

A-Level Grade	Cumulative %	
	GSAL	National
A*	31	14
A	70	38
B	90	65
C	99	88

GCSE results

In 2020, 198 Year 11 candidates sat GCSE examinations, with a pass rate of 74% at grade 7 or above.

GCSE Grade	Cumulative %	
	GSAL	National
9	33	7
8	54	15
7	74	28
6	89	43
5	97	62
4	100	80

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	A* x 4 A x 6	A* x 9 A x 1	A x 2 B x 2	A* x 1 A x 3	BSc(Hons) Physics University of Birmingham
Laura Average against GSAL benchmark	A x 1 B x 9	A* x 9 A x 1	B x 1 C x 2	A* x 1 A x 2	BSc(Hons) Economics University of Bristol
Kim Below average against GSAL benchmark	B x 5 C x 5	A x 2 B x 7 C x 1	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
Cricket
Football
Hockey
Netball
Rounders
Rugby
Running
Squash
Spin
Swimming
Table Tennis
Yoga

Clubs and societies:

Art
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts
CCF
Chess
Choir
Cookery
Dance
Debating
Duke of Edinburgh
Gymnastics
Gardening
ICT
Jazz Ensemble
Media Society
Model United Nations
Music Tech
Orchestra

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 12 bus services including to Harrogate, Wetherby and Ilkley which arrive at school before 8.20am and leave at 4.10pm. Pupils use a fob or card which enables them to register as they get on and off the bus. 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 2 although up to Year 6 children must be accompanied at both pick up and drop off points.

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 5147**.

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