



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Southend High School for Girls Launchpad 2025!

The SHSG Launchpad is a series of events aimed at providing ambitious Year 5 children with a flavour of SHSG grammar school life. Each event will provide a taster of the subjects and topics that students engage in each day here at SHSG. They will also provide an opportunity to become familiar with some of the skills that your daughter will need to demonstrate in the 11+. The Launchpad starts as a series of Saturday schools followed by four after school 11+ familiarisation sessions. Sign up for the Saturday schools that your daughter would like to attend and/or the 11+ familiarisation sessions. Information how to book can be found at the bottom of this flyer.

Launchpad Saturday schools – 9.30am - 12.30pm

Teachers and Sixth Form Students invite you to join them in the following sessions:

	11th January 2025 – Be a Mathemagician with the SHSG Mathematics faculty! Patterns and Problem Solving: Be there or be squared... An exciting opportunity to go beyond classroom learning and see the beauty, power and creativity of mathematics. You will learn how maths can be applied to understand magic, how through simple rules and algorithms the most magnificent of patterns can be created and how to apply and develop problem-solving skills to a wide range of activities.
	18th January 2025 - Express Yourself! The Creative and Performing Arts faculty invite you to take part in a morning of creative expression trying your hand at Art, Music, Drama and Technology. The sessions will be active and hands on, giving you the opportunity to explore the full range of creative facilities that we have at SHSG.
	8th February 2025 – Wanted: Adventurers to settle new lands! As climate change makes previously uninhabited islands in the Arctic Circle habitable ... Be part of the Humanities and Social Sciences faculties as you create your new society! Do we need religion? Do we need money? Do we need laws? Where should we live? How can we be sustainable? Come and work with us to design the perfect place to live.
	26th April 2025 - The SHSG Spirit! The problem with being such an old school is all the ghosts... Join the SHSG English faculty for a morning of creative storytelling, featuring live theatre, puns, mystery, creative writing and, yes, ghosts! Friendly ones, of course, with exciting stories to tell. It's just a shame they're so forgetful.
	10th May 2025 – Raise the bar! Athletics and fitness workshops with the Physical Education faculty. The session will incorporate several different athletic disciplines that cover both track and field events, as well as some fun, fitness-based activities.
	17th May 2025 – Lost in translation! Harness your spirit of adventure to help you tackle a range of activities that will get you using the French and Spanish you learn over the course of your morning with us. Work with others to problem solve and embrace your competitive spirit to consolidate your recognition of key vocabulary.
	21st June 2025 – Mission to Space! Let our Biology, Chemistry and Physics departments help you to investigate moon rock, balloon rockets and creatures from outer space in an action-packed morning of practical experiments!

Launchpad - 11+ Familiarisation Sessions

SHSG will also be running the extremely popular 11+ familiarisation sessions again this year. These consist of a meeting (**parents only**) to talk through the 11+ process followed by two Maths and two English sessions for students.

- **Tuesday 6th May 2025 (6pm)** – Parents' 11+ familiarisation meeting (parents only)
- **Monday 12th May 2025, Wednesday 14th May 2025, Monday 19th May 2025 and Wednesday 21st May 2025, 4pm-5pm** - 2 x Maths and 2 x English sessions.

Due to the popularity of these sessions, places are limited and subject to availability. There is an administration fee of £10 per Saturday School session and £30 in total for the four 11+ familiarisation sessions.

Places will be free to children who qualify for Pupil Premium funding. Information can also be found on the website page. If your child does not qualify for Pupil Premium, but require financial assistance, support may be available. Please contact us at office@shsg.org.

To apply for a place on the Launchpad sessions and/or the 11+ familiarisation sessions, please go to our website www.shsg.org/year-5-launchpad and enter the password **SHSG2025!**