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Dear Parents

Thank you for enquiring about the possibility of sending your daughter to the High School. Covid restrictions permitting, we are holding our **Sixth Form Entrance Examinations on Friday 19 November 2021**. For those taking part, entrants will complete three papers: an English paper consisting of a reading and a writing exercise; a non-calculator Mathematics paper, and a Verbal Reasoning paper. No special preparation for these examinations is necessary.

I hope to also invite all applicants for the Sixth Form, with their parents, into school to meet me on a separate occasion. However, if Government restrictions at the time do not allow for this, meetings will take place virtually through Zoom. If you would like your daughter to take part in the Entrance Examinations, the next step is for you to register by completing and returning the enclosed forms as soon as possible, and no later than Thursday 21 October 2021, together with one passport-sized photograph.

Please indicate if you are interested in applying for Music, Sports, Performing Arts, Drama or Art Scholarships or means tested bursary funding and further information will be sent to you. Auditions/assessments will take place separately in mid-November and you will be advised of the dates if your daughter has applied.

Offers of places will be made subject to GCSE results as girls are usually expected to have 6 GCSE Grade 9-6 including English and Mathematics and, normally, Grade 6 or above in the subjects they wish to study at A Level, or in related subjects (with the exception of Sciences and Mathematics which require a Grade 7 or above).

The Governors' Scholarships are free places, awarded to pupils joining the Sixth Form, depending on family income and high achievement in the Entrance Tests and at GCSE (normally Grades 8 and 9).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Niblock
Headmistress