

# SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GDST



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Sheffield High School is one of the twenty six schools administered by the Girls' Day School Trust. The Trust was formed in 1872 by a Christian group but GDST schools are now non-denominational and girls are admitted irrespective of background or belief. The Trust schools are independent as a result of the phasing out of the Direct Grant in 1976.

As a member of the Girls' Day School Trust, Sheffield High School forms part of an organisation which for well over a century has promoted the education of girls. Early pupils were among the first women to obtain university degrees and enter the professions. We continue this pioneering tradition, attracting girls of ability and talent who can make full use of what the school can offer. Approximately 20% of our girls receive assistance with fees through our bursaries and scholarship scheme.

Founded in 1878, Sheffield High School is situated in Broomhill, a very pleasant area of the city between the University and the Botanical Gardens. The Infant and Junior Departments are housed in spacious, well-equipped accommodation on Melbourne Avenue and the Sixth Form have their own recently extended centre used for teaching and social purposes. In addition there are excellent specialist facilities for science, information technology and art and music. A new Dining Hall, Sports Hall and AstroTurf have been completed in recent years, as well as an extension to the Science and Art blocks. An extension to the Sixth Form Centre was completed in 2010.

The school serves a wide geographical area: girls are drawn here from the neighbouring towns of Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Worksop as well as the Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire areas.

There are currently 1026 girls on roll. The extensive campus includes an Infant and a Junior School (260 girls), a Senior School, (4 forms in Y7 and 8 with 5 forms in Y9-11) and a Sixth Form Centre (200 students). The vast majority of our students go on to University and other establishments of Higher Education. Sheffield High School enjoys an excellent reputation as the highest performing school locally (and regularly in the whole of Yorkshire) at GCSE and A level. At A level the % of A/B grades is usually around 80% and at GCSE 75-80% of all grades are at A\*/A.

In addition the school has an outstanding reputation for sport. In 2006 Sheffield High School was voted Best Independent School for Sport in the UK and our girls are currently national champions in rounders and trampolining and national finalists in tennis, badminton and gymnastics. Other awards recently gained by the school are Artsmark Gold, International School award, Go4it award and EcoSchools award. We have recently been nominated for the Independent School of the Year awards in the Best Independent/Maintained School links category.

There are seventy-six members of staff teaching at Sheffield High School. The staff is dedicated, hardworking and friendly and the school and the Girls' Day School Trust provide support and in-service training for the staff. They are paid on the Department for Education teachers' spine with a Trust extension and there is a generous allocation of responsibility posts distributed amongst the staff. The Girls' Day School Trust participates in the Department for Education superannuation scheme.

The current Senior Leadership Team is made up of the Headmistress, Deputy Head, School Business Manager, Head of Junior School, Head of Sixth Form, Senior Teacher, Head of Pastoral Care and Director of Studies.

We are committed to the safeguarding of children and child protection screening will apply to this post.



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