

# Secondary Schools

This year our pupils are going to  
Ermysteds Grammar School  
Skipton Girls' High School ,  
Skipton Academy ,  
Settle College and  
Upper Wharfedale

# Selection

- Ermysted's Grammar School is a selective grammar school that offers education to boys aged 11 to 18. .
- Children can only be admitted to Skipton Girls' High School and Ermysted's Grammar School if they have been deemed suitable for a grammar school education.

- All boys living and attending schools within the area served by the Ermysted's Grammar School will be invited to sit the selection tests. Parents will be required to return a reply slip confirming their attendance or not.
- Skipton Girl's High School is a selective grammar school that offers education to girls
- aged 11 to 18 who are deemed suitable for a grammar school education in accordance
- with their selection scheme.

- The Skipton Academy is a non-selective Academy and Upper Wharfedale School is a non-selective secondary school in a selective area offering education for children aged 11.
- 28% of boys go to Ermysteds- NYCC test
- SGHS is an academy and operate their own admissions

# Boys

- All boys in the test, unless opt out
- Two tests, verbal and non-verbal
- Pupils sit two actual tests. These are on two separate mornings, early September at Ermysteds.

# NYCC say

- We do not encourage coaching but cannot, of course, prevent it. We instruct headteachers not to provide coaching and further practice for children in VR or NVR selection tests. You can find more information on practice and coaching at [www.nfer.co.uk](http://www.nfer.co.uk).
- Copies of the test papers used by NYCC are not available to anyone. GL Assessment publishes a series of tests which you can get from bookshops, but they are standardised differently from the North Yorkshire ones and the results from these tests cannot be compared with the results achieved by your child in the NYCC tests.

# Girls

- Girls have to opt in
- Three tests, English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning
- Test mid-end September, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- One Saturday morning at SGHS

# SGHS say

- The tests are GL Assessment Papers and are copyright.
- The Mathematics paper is comprised of 50 multiple choice questions to be answered in 50 minutes.
- The English paper consists of two extracts with questions, plus questions on spelling, punctuation and grammar. These questions are to be answered in 45 minutes or 50 minutes depending on which version of the paper GL Assessment sends to us.
- The Verbal Reasoning paper is comprised of 85 multiple choice questions, to be answered in 50 minutes.
- As the papers used in the entry tests are obtained from an educational foundation and are copyright, we cannot include past papers in the admissions handbook. We do have practice papers available for purchase at the school.



## **PRACTICE PAPERS: TESTS FOR 11+ PREPARATION**

- GL Assessment publishes tests used in the admissions procedure by Skipton Girls' High School. We are, therefore, in a position to provide authentic materials to help your child prepare. In particular, GL Assessment Practice Papers provide:

### **Genuine difficulty**

- Most alternative tests are simply too easy and do not reflect the difficulty of the questions used in the real tests.

### **Authentic design**

- Question design, practice items, written and oral instructions are all just as your child will encounter in the real tests.

### **Appropriate answer format and coverage**

- Skipton Girls' High School will be using 'multiple choice format' tests, with children placing their answers on a separate sheet.
- The most appropriate packs from the range of GL Assessment Practice Papers are as follows:
- These packs are part of a full range of GL Assessment Practice Papers available from larger branches of WHSmiths and other major bookstores. NB: Other similar practice papers are available from a range of publishers. The above packs will be available to purchase at the Information Evening for Year 5 parents/carers on Monday 17th June 2013 and at our Open Evening on Thursday 11th July.

<b>Pack Name</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Price</b>
Multiple Choice Maths Pack 1	Includes four different tests	978-0-7087-1988-6	£9.00
Multiple Choice English Pack 1	Includes four different tests	978-0-7087-1984-8	£9.00
Multiple Choice Verbal Reasoning Pack 1	Includes four different tests	978-0-7087-1987-9	£9.00

# Results

- Mid October.
- MUST submit on-line application form for secondary school by 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- All schools have open days
- All schools have prospectus
- All schools offer different provision, there is choice- think about the learning style and curriculum on offer.

# How can we help?

- Keep you informed of key dates via the newsletter
- Notice board with prospectus and additional information
- Happy to discuss in confidence individual situations before and after selection.
- NOT allowed to coach
- Encourage you to talk to other parents of pupils with older pupils who have been through the system

# Open Days and meetings

- Parents should contact schools individually if you have specific questions and if your child has Special Educational Needs.
- SGHS 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Ermysteds
- UWS
- Settle College
- Skipton Academy