

# Secondary Schools

This year our pupils are going to  
Ermysted's 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. Both are 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 invited to the test directly
- Two tests; verbal and non-verbal
- These are on one morning, Saturday 14th September at Ermysted's.
- On the test day they will take two papers, one Verbal Reasoning (VR) lasting 50 minutes and one Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) test that consists of four sections lasting ten minutes each. These tests are produced for North Yorkshire Local Authority by GL Assessment.

# 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 is on September, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Always on 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:
- [https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/?utm\\_source=GL%20Education&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=1846493\\_Free%20Familiarisation%20email&dm\\_i=29N0,13KRH,44CEB9,3BPRP,1](https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/?utm_source=GL%20Education&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=1846493_Free%20Familiarisation%20email&dm_i=29N0,13KRH,44CEB9,3BPRP,1)

# Results

- Mid October.
- Parents 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 10th July 2019, 6pm - 8.30pm**
- **Ermysted's Grammar School 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6pm-8:30pm**
- **UWS- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6pm-8:30pm**
- **Settle College -to be arranged- September**
- **Skipton Academy -25<sup>th</sup> September 6pm-8:30pm, plus open mornings on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September**