



STRATFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Open Evening Edition

SIXTH FORM

Life

Our commitment to
Shaping your Future

A glimpse into the
SGGS experience

Real Stories, Real
Success: Student life
in their own words!

www.sggs.org.uk/sixth-form

See inside

SUCCESS AT SGGS

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Visiting professionals and SGGS Alumnae who led activities, workshops and career-focused talks last year.



87%

A* - B GRADES IN OUR '24 RESULTS



63%

A* - A GRADES IN OUR '24 RESULTS



94%

OF OUR STUDENTS COMPLETED WORK EXPERIENCE OR SUPER-CURRICULAR LINKED TO POST 18 DESTINATION IN '23-24



OUR 23-24 STUDENTS WHO WERE SUPPORTED BY MEDMINDS RECEIVED

99%

OF OUR STUDENTS WERE OFFERED EITHER THEIR FIRST OR INSURANCE CHOICE DESTINATION



100%

OFFER RATE INTO A CLINICAL PROGRAMME OF THEIR CHOICE



We are committed to offering our students the highest quality support and learning environments.

5

DEDICATED SIXTH FORM STUDY ROOMS

10

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

3

COMPUTER SUITES

3

BRAND NEW LIBRARY AND SCIENCE LABS



OUR A-LEVEL PROGRAMMES WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO ANY UNIVERSITY COURSE.





STRATFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Shaping Futures

Open Evening edition

SIXTH FORM

at Stratford Girls' Grammar school

WELCOME!



JACQUI CORNELL
HEADTEACHER

Welcome to one of the country's top-performing state Sixth Forms, where students truly thrive. With opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom, and an unparalleled support and careers programme, the possibilities that lay before you here are limitless.



SUZANNE GRIFFITHS
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

It is a privilege to lead such a dynamic and ambitious Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form journey is one of empowerment. My role is to support and guide you through this exciting phase in your life.

Life



YOUR KEY INFO

Scan me with your phone...



Our course provision



Our extra-curricular provision

inside...

Your Personalised Route to Success

Take a look at our curriculum offer and achieve your best possible portfolio of qualifications and skills development with us!

Navigating the Leap

Crossing the bridge between GCSE and A-level can seem challenging, but at SGGs, we're here to make the transition seamless. Hear from our current students as they share their insights and reflections on the journey.

Unlocking Opportunities with Career Guidance

We take great pride in the quality of guidance we offer our students about careers and post-18 options. But don't just take our word for it...

"I am now pursuing paths I never thought I would consider."

Discover how our Personal Development programme helped Year 13 student Alexa shape her future

Your Personal Development

At SGGs, we offer Sixth Formers a range of enrichment options that provide valuable life skills beyond the classroom - explore what suits you!

Getting around and getting here

See inside for maps of the school grounds and handy tips for travelling to SGGs.

YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS

Success goes beyond A Levels. We know that leading universities and employers value diverse skills alongside academic excellence. That's why we've designed a broad and balanced Sixth Form curriculum that works specifically for you.

1

YOUR CHOICE OF 3 A LEVELS

COMBINED WITH

For our most able applicants, 4 or even 5 A Level subjects may be offered. We recognise that everyone has individual needs. You can talk to us about your personalised route to success.

2

OUR STRETCH & CHALLENGE

AN ADDITIONAL A LEVEL

Your choice of Further Maths or any other A Level subject

OR

AN ADDITIONAL COURSE: LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION

Mathematical Studies and/or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

WITH

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Opportunities to enter subject competitions at local, regional and national levels.

3

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Core Enrichment
- Super-Curricular opportunities
- Careers Advice & Guidance
- Speaker Programme
- Clubs & Societies

See our 'Course Provision' and 'Extra Curricular Provision' booklets for more details. (QR code link to these Docs on previous page)



Stratford Girls' Grammar School supports its Sixth Form students with achieving their future aspirations, whatever they may be. Our record of helping students obtain places on competitive courses at prestigious universities, which includes Oxford University and Cambridge University, is strong, as is our record of supporting students to successfully apply for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science or high quality degree level apprenticeships.

WHERE YOU WANT TO BE

Support for UCAS and Careers

Regular PSHE sessions

covering UCAS and careers, including external University and Apprenticeship speakers

In School events

including the 'Post-18 Options Evening' and our Biennial 'Careers Fair'

Tailored futures enabling programmes

(see below) to support those applying for specific post-18 pathways

Work Experience opportunities

as part of our weekly Curriculum Enrichment or as part of Enrichment Week in the Summer Term of Year 12

Speaker Programme

where students get the opportunity to hear from external speakers and alumnae about their post-18 experiences and pathways

Unifrog

access to the renowned online careers platform to support choices through sixth form and university.

One to one guidance and advice delivered by the Sixth Form team and our Careers Coordinator.

Futures Enabling Programmes



AspiringMinds

supporting students with the Oxbridge application process



MedMinds

supporting students wishing to apply for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science



PracticalMinds

supporting students interested in pursuing a degree apprenticeship

At SGGs, we understand our role in shaping futures. While each subject is specialised, students also develop broader employability skills using career planning tools within Unifrog, which help them to become 'life-ready' beyond education. We believe in offering more than just teaching or external guidance, which gives our students the flexibility to explore careers as soon as questions arise. In our recent 'Outstanding' Ofsted report, Careers were highlighted as a strength at SGGs. Mrs. Lardner, our Careers & Work Experience Coordinator, is proactive and available for individual, impartial career discussions.

We regularly host career events, university trips, and guest speakers, including alumnae, to share their experiences with students through assemblies and talks. Key national career campaigns such as Green Careers Week, Creative Careers Week, National Apprenticeship Week, and National Careers Week, are shared and celebrated with students through their time in the Sixth Form.



TOP STUDENT CHOICE DESTINATIONS

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Exeter

University of Liverpool

University of Nottingham

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of York



Sienna
New to SGGS
for Sixth Form

Sophie
Joined SGGS
in Year 7

NAVIGATING THE LEAP

GUIDE

AT SGGS, WE MAKE THE JUMP FROM GCSE TO A-LEVEL EASIER WITH TAILORED SUPPORT, DEDICATED STUDY SPACES, AND GUIDANCE TO HELP YOU THRIVE FROM DAY ONE.

Starting your A Levels can feel like a daunting yet exciting new chapter, whether it's your first time in Stratford-upon-Avon or Shotton, or if you're returning to familiar surroundings.

Regardless of where you've come from or how new this experience feels, we're here to help you shape your future and achieve your full potential.

At SGGS, we believe that the right environment can make all the difference. The Manor, our dedicated Sixth Form space, is more than just a place to study - it's a hub for personal development and academic

growth. With a range of study rooms designed for both quiet, individual work and collaborative learning, you'll find the perfect atmosphere to suit your needs throughout the day.

The Manor is also home to our Sixth Form Team, who work in 'Open Door' office spaces and are there throughout the day for guidance, support, or just a friendly chat. Whether you need advice on managing your workload, exploring career options, or perhaps a little reassurance during your A Levels, our team are there every step of the way.

"The workload does increase, but the broader learning around your subject of interest also expands. I was able to quickly adjust to my new workload by utilising my free periods and the multiple cosy study rooms provided in the Manor."
- Sophie

Beyond academic life, the Manor fosters a strong sense of community, where students can connect, collaborate, and form lasting friendships. As you move through the next two years, you'll not only deepen your subject knowledge but also grow as an individual, developing independence, resilience, and confidence for the future.

"Having specific guided study sessions and numerous study rooms available, the process of joining Sixth Form has been significantly eased. It has enabled me to make new friends and truly experience the supportive environment here at SGGS" - Sienna

GROW

SUPPORT

From Apprehension to **Aspiration:**

How SGGs transformed my Sixth Form experience

I couldn't help but feel apprehensive about joining a new school and the challenges of A Levels at a prestigious grammar school. However, my initial concerns quickly faded as I discovered the exceptional support provided by the teachers. They have consistently ensured that we feel confident in our studies, readily offering the guidance we need to navigate challenges effectively.

Making new friends is often a worry when moving to a new school, but I was quickly reassured by the warmth of my peers. Both new and returning students were eager to welcome and encourage me, making me feel at home in every aspect of school life. Coming from a smaller school, where teachers took the time to get to know each student, I found that SGGs offered a similar atmosphere of support and familiarity. I often describe my transition as a step sideways rather than a step up - one where I experienced the same care, warmth and encouragement I had grown accustomed to, rather than a daunting leap into the unknown.

The sense of community at SGGs is one of its most admirable qualities. The camaraderie among students, the dedication of teachers, and the positive inter-year relationships create an uplifting atmosphere that is truly a privilege to be part of. This unwavering support has fostered my personal growth, allowing me to develop essential skills like public speaking, confidence, and responsibility - ultimately leading me to embrace my current role as Deputy Head Girl. Another remarkable quality of the school is its commitment to raising the aspirations of all students. This supportive environment has empowered me to pursue a career in Law, and I am now applying to study Law at university with the goal of becoming a criminal barrister in the future.

Additionally, I've had the opportunity to share my passion for British Sign Language by running my own BSL club, where students from all year groups can learn this valuable skill. The encouragement for students to share their unique talents and hobbies is something we all cherish.

To anyone considering joining SGGs, I wholeheartedly recommend this school for its exceptional community and outstanding results. The rare environment here is one I cannot praise enough, and I wouldn't change a thing about my experience!

Maisie
Deputy Head Girl



YOUR Space

OUR BEAUTIFUL MANOR HOUSE IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS.

More than just a place to study, it's a hub for collaboration, creativity, and personal growth - a home away from home, designed to help you thrive both academically and socially.

HOME TO:



OUR SIXTH FORM TEAM

Dr Griffiths, Mrs El-Bekai and Mrs Jarvis are available if you have a question or concern



OUR EXAMS MANAGER

Mrs Robbins is on hand to assist with exams and address any queries you may have.



OUR CAREERS ADVISOR

Mrs. Lardner is able to offer guidance and advice to all students when planning their next steps

"There is a passion to want to be here, which creates a strong sense of pride and respect among students. This builds a true sense of community and belonging. It's extremely welcoming, and no one is judgemental. It feels completely like home."

-Hatty
Year 12 student



Study Spaces

5 rooms are available for quiet or collaborative study, accessible throughout the day.



'The Dairy'

Our Sixth Form café offers freshly prepared meals, snacks, and a variety of hot and cold drinks.



Sixth Form Kitchen

A fully equipped kitchen allows students to prepare meals or simply make a cup of tea!



HISTORY

Our Sixth Form provides a unique space for A Level study. It is a special feeling to walk into the Manor each day. We are proud of our heritage building and it becomes a special place for our students. Many alumnae choose it as the first place to visit when they return.

The first mention of the Manor was in 1354. In 1402 the house was in possession of the Harewell family, whose crest still survives in the plasterwork above the fireplace, and in the stained glass window at the top of the stairs.

In the late 16th Century, Shottery Manor was home to Richard Woodward, whose daughter Susanne married Richard Tyler, a friend of William Shakespeare.

By 1871, Thomas Canning and his son George lived here, farming 560 acres. They

THE MANOR

set up a re-sited timber frame barn as a school in the village, which is known today as St Andrew's Primary School.

1919 saw the Manor under the ownership of Sir Archibald Denis Flower, of Stratford's main employer at the time, Flowers Brewery. By 1938 it was the home of Sir Fordham and Lady Flower. Sir Fordham was chairman of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, now known as the RSC.

In 1958, Warwickshire Country Council bought the house and grounds, adapting it for the site of a new grammar school for girls.

Did you know?

The betrothal ceremony of William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway is believed to have taken place within the walls of our Manor, in the very room we now proudly call the Shakespeare Room. This historic space, steeped in tradition and literary heritage, is not only a reminder of the Manor's rich past, but also serves as an inspiring setting for our Sixth Form students. Today, the Shakespeare Room frequently hosts lessons and guided study sessions, offering a unique atmosphere where students can connect with history while focusing on their individual pursuits. It stands as a symbol of creativity and learning for the next generation.

"As a new student, I was worried that I would not fit in, but I very quickly found my footing thanks to the support of all the staff and my new friends".

Madeline
Year 12 student



Mrs. Jarves
Sixth Form
Support Officer

Dr. Griffiths
Head of Sixth
Form

Mrs. El-Bekai
Deputy Head of
Sixth Form



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE SGGS

Year 13 student Maddy reflects on her journey of self-discovery and academic growth in the supportive environment she has continued to find at SGGS.

When I started in Year 7, I was uncoordinated but enthusiastic. On a whim, I started a Cheer Club, wore a swan costume on Sports Day, and eagerly volunteered for House Council. SGGS hasn't dulled that enthusiasm but has refined it. Now, I run a KS3 Creative Writing Club (a more consistent venture than the Cheer Club), and I still wear the swan costume at Sports Day, now as a Cygnus House Captain. As a Student Executive Team member, I lead House Council, helping Year 7s understand how they can make a difference. I haven't changed much as a person, but SGGS has given me more dexterity in self-expression, especially in Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form experience at SGGS is unmatched. I say this as someone who wanted to give myself the fullest opportunity to explore other options so as not to miss out after studying here during Years 7-11. Exploring a range of other Sixth Forms in the area, but choosing to remain at Stratford Girls' felt right. I couldn't picture the same safety in community, or the support system of the faculty and the student body in anywhere else I considered. My favourite aspect of the Sixth Form experience is the learning relationship with teachers. The independence of Sixth Form is entirely different to Main School and is a more central part of studying and learning new material. As a result, teachers are more than happy to discuss the interests that you are free to explore further within your chosen subjects as part of super-curricular enrichment. There's a lot more trust and freedom in Sixth Form.

Having the leadership opportunities Sixth Form provides has hugely impacted my personal development. Being a House Captain has enabled me to engage with so many different experiences: organising within a team, supporting younger years, public speaking, and communicating with the levels of leadership in the school, from teachers to the Student Executive Team. Running clubs is a cornerstone of the Sixth Form experience. Leading the KS3 Creative Writing Club has taught me oral communication skills, how to facilitate learning and engagement, how to overcome despondency in younger years and a lack of enthusiasm, while deepening my subject knowledge through the process of teaching others.

To someone thinking about joining SGGS in Sixth Form, I would say SGGS is a perfect overlap between feeling pushed to succeed academically, being supported pastorally, and being shaped into the person you want yourself to become. Comparing the person I am now with the person I would've been without SGGS, the latter is a much less fulfilled person. I can't imagine being myself without the community SGGS has allowed me to build.

WE ASKED ZION

What aspects of your studies in Main School influenced your decision to continue your studies at SGGS for Sixth Form?

The learning atmosphere and familiarity with the teachers, who already provided great support for me at GCSE, were significant factors in my decision to stay. The teachers are experts in their fields and adapt their teaching styles to suit each student's learning needs. They are always happy to answer questions and help consolidate your understanding. The most rewarding aspect of my studies throughout my time at SGGS has been achieving my goals through my hard work and the input from my teachers.

The study techniques I learned at GCSE have definitely helped me prepare for Sixth Form and adjust to the increased workload. It's thanks to SGGS's Study Skills programme that I found what works best for me.

I already feel well prepared for a career in medicine. This is thanks to the school's amazing opportunities and support, such as 'Medminds' and the visiting speakers, who offer valuable insights and experiences. I am confident that these opportunities will provide me with the knowledge I need to plan ahead and inform the next steps in my educational career.





“Choosing to stay at Stratford Girls’ felt right. I couldn’t imagine the same sense of community, safety, or the strong support system from the faculty and student body in anywhere else I considered.”



“Since starting University I have made friends who went to Eton, poorly funded comprehensives and everything in between, and it’s amazed me what an experience SGGS provides. I couldn’t be doing a degree that I love, at a university that I love even more, without this support and guidance! I’m sure countless others echo this sentiment.”

Sacha 2022 alumnae
University of Oxford



Engineering workshop led by 2023 alumna Elena, currently an apprentice at Jaguar Land Rover.

SGGS ALUMNAE

At SGGS, we value our alumnae community as one of our most valuable assets. In 2023, we launched a new alumnae platform, inviting recent students to join and become a part of our support network for current students.

With over 450 members - and growing daily - our alumnae network is a powerful resource that connects past and current students in meaningful ways. We frequently welcome back former students who lead inspiring talks, hands-on workshops, and mentorship sessions, which give current students invaluable insights into a range of industries and career paths. Each alumna is committed to helping the next generation of SGGS students succeed, and we’re proud to see so many recent students signing up to **support** and **guide** our students towards future **success!**

We’re proud to partner with Future First to host our vibrant network.





GROWTH THROUGH CHALLENGE

We caught up with Year 13 student Alexa, who shared her inspiring journey of leadership and resilience at SGGS.

My time in Sixth Form has given me numerous opportunities to respond to challenges effectively. I'm proud to have contributed to the backstage team of school productions, where I developed key leadership skills through directing younger students in problem-solving. Additionally, I established a History club with two friends from my A Level class. This helped me to build my communication and interpersonal skills, as I sought to find material that accommodated all the various ages. This experience has boosted my confidence to help steer the LGBTQ+ club this year; creating a safe space for education and understanding within a community that matters greatly to me.

Beyond school, Sixth Form has helped me clarify my personal views, through attending Model United Nations and PSHE sessions that were focused on careers and post-18 options. Model United Nations has been a fantastic opportunity to understand world politics, especially outside the UK and America. I particularly enjoyed discussing current issues such as women's rights and climate change. These experiences have broadened my perception of the world and helped me to appreciate the variety of options available beyond school. Through careers fairs, meetings with Mrs Lardner, and careers sessions, I am now pursuing paths I never thought I would consider.

Being at SGGS has given me a safe environment from which to grow academically, personally and socially. However, sometimes the problems that every student has to face have felt like mountains, such as revision, exams and meeting deadlines. Working through these problems has led me to having greater resilience, tolerance for the uncomfortable, and fostered in me a positive solution-oriented mindset. I feel my mindset continues to develop towards one of "progress not perfection" (*A quote that my History teacher has adopted as a mantra*), and in turn my ability to deal with and accept failure is improving. These growing skills of perseverance and determination are what have allowed me to gain academic success in my GCSEs and A Levels, and will set me up for greater success in the future.



SHAPING FUTURES

At Stratford Girls' Grammar School, Sixth Form students can participate in a range of enrichment activities that broaden their skills and interests beyond academics. Our 'Stretch & Challenge' and 'Curriculum Enrichment' programmes promote independence and offer benefits like teamwork, creativity, leadership, and communication development.

Our extra-curricular programme ensures that there is a fun break from academic demands, while offering valuable experiences to help students stand out in university applications and future careers.

YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Stretch and Challenge	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Further Maths	✓	✓
Mathematical Studies	✓	✓
Extended Project Qualification	✓	
Curriculum Enrichment	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Art for Mindfulness	✓	✓
Bar Mock Trial	✓	
LAMDA	✓	
Model UN	✓	
Netball Academy	✓	✓
Outreach (D.T and Primary)	✓	
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE)		✓
Visiting Speaker Programme	✓	✓
Work Experience	✓	
Futures-Enabling Pathways	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Aspiring Minds	✓	
MedMinds	✓	✓
PracticalMinds	✓	✓
Mock Interviews		✓



For skills in and outside the classroom...

OUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ALSO INCLUDE



Excellent Careers Guidance and Development Opportunities



Visiting Speakers and Workshop Practitioners



Excellent Trips (UK & Abroad)



Our Supportive Alumnae Network



Our Extra- and Super-Curricular Clubs and Activities



Student Leadership



Volunteer and Charity Work



Community Outreach



TAKE A LOOK...

You can find more information about our full, extensive offer in our 'Personal Development' booklet, scan the QR code to access our digital copy.

SCAN HERE ↘



Our students come from all over Warwickshire and beyond. The key common areas students commute from are:



- Alcester
- Banbury
- Coventry
- Leamington Spa
- Shipston
- Solihull
- Stratford upon Avon
- Warwick

SGGSSIXTHFORM

YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORT



➔ BY BUS

It's important to note that we rely on shared transportation rather than private buses. Our students use shared bus routes with other schools.

The following buses arrive and depart directly at our doorstep:

- 27: Bartdon - Welford on Avon - Stratford upon Avon
- 51A - Moreton in Marsh - Shipston - Stratford Girls'
- 216: Studley - Alcester - Bidford - The Graftons- Stratford Schools
- 229: Ullenhall - Aston Cantlow - Wilmcote - Stratford upon Avon
- 254: Hampton Lucy - Stratford Schools
- 289: Avon Dassett - Fenny Compton - Gaydon - Kineton- Moretons - Wellesbourne - Stratford upon Avon
- 290: Meon Vale - Long Marston - Welford - Clifford Chambers - Stratford upon Avon
- 75A & 2A: Brailes - Shipston - Ilmington - Stratford Schools

Further details of these routes can be found here:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolbustimetables

Other public bus routes are available and can be found on the Warwickshire County Council Website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/BusTimetable

GETTING HERE

ADMISSIONS

If you are interested in joining SGGs Sixth Form but are not currently a student here, we ask that you please complete the application form (which is available at the Open Events or on our website) and return it to:

Sixth Form Admissions
Stratford Girls' Grammar School
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 9HA

Alternatively, send it via email to admissions@sggs.org.uk



WHAT ARE THE ENTRY CRITERIA TO JOIN SGGs SIXTH FORM?

To obtain a place in Year 12, you will need:

- a minimum of 54 points from your best eight GCSE results using the new GCSE points system of Grades 9-1.

We look for students to:

- have Maths and English Language GCSE at Grade 6 or above.
- achieve at least a GCSE Grade 7 or above in the subject - or a specified equivalent - you wish to take for A Level.

For full details including how to calculate points, the online application form and the admissions support we offer please scan the QR code to access our admissions page on our website.



➔ BY CAR

Once they have passed their driving test, we find that many of our Sixth Formers drive themselves to school or carpool.

There is no parking on site. Instead we encourage students to park at Anne Hathaway Cottage and walk the short distance. There is very limited parking directly by the school. We ask all student drivers to be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking driveways or risk parking anywhere that may cause obstruction to pedestrians or the traffic through Shottery Village.



➔ BY TRAIN

Stratford-upon-Avon train station is conveniently located just a 13-minute walk from our school. Many of our students from areas such as Birmingham, Solihull, Warwick, and

Leamington Spa find the rail connections an easy and efficient option for their daily commute. For detailed information on all rail links to Stratford-upon-Avon, please visit the West Midlands Rail website.



Hargreaves

Politics
History
Theatre Studies

SAM

Music

Parks

Geography
Psychology
Business
Economics

Franklin

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Art

Garrett

Maths
English
French
German
Spanish
RS
Computing


The Manor


Study & Social Spaces
Sixth Form Offices
Cafe

*Our staff and students will be happy to help
with any questions you may have*



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