



Admission Arrangements and Information for Entry September 2026

Date of Selection Testing:
Saturday, 27th September 2025



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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your interest in Skipton Girls' High School.

You are warmly invited to our Year 5 Open Evening, where teaching staff and students are available for questions and to celebrate their experience of our school.

Thursday 10th July 2025, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

The admissions procedure will be explained during this evening. You can also find out more information about Skipton Girls' High School by visiting our website:

www.sghs.org.uk/admissions-to-year-7

This booklet is designed to assist parents/carers to understand the admissions process and to provide information about the selection tests at Skipton Girls' High School and it includes sample questions.

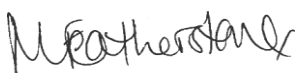
It should be read in conjunction with your Local Authority's admission documentation. North Yorkshire Local Authority will be distributing their admission booklets and details of how to apply for school places to parents/carers of all Year 6 pupils living in North Yorkshire and other Local Authorities will make similar arrangements. There is also an online website at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

We are holding our selection tests on Saturday 27th September 2025. This will give girls time to settle into Year 6 but is also early enough to ensure that parents/carers know whether their daughter has reached the required standard for Skipton Girls' High School before they fill in the Common Application Form for their Local Authority.

It is very important that if you wish your daughter to sit the selection tests, **you must submit the online registration form by midnight on Wednesday 27th August 2025**. If you haven't registered by this deadline your daughter will not be able to sit our selection tests and therefore cannot be considered for a place at Skipton Girls' High School.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Office at admissions@sghs.org.uk if there is anything that requires further explanation or clarification.

Yours faithfully



Martha Featherstone
Headteacher

Timetable for 2026 Entry

Thursday 10th July 2025	Open Evening for September 2026 entry. The Open Evening is for Year 5 pupils and their parents/ carers. The school is open from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Presentations at: 6:15pm, repeated at 7:00pm
Wednesday 27th August 2025	Closing date for online registration. The form must be submitted by midnight on Wednesday 27th August 2025 to ensure your daughter is registered for the selection tests.
w/c 8th September 2025	Two copies of your daughter's personal registration card will be posted out to you.
Saturday 27th September 2025	Selection tests at Skipton Girls' High School 9:30am till approximately 11:30am.
By 4.00pm Wednesday 1st October 2025	Inform school in writing of any circumstances which may have affected performance during the tests.
By 21st October 2025	Test results sent to parents/carers.
By 31st October 2025	For Year 6 pupils living in North Yorkshire (NY), parents/ carers will be required to return the completed NY LA Common Application Form to NY LA. Parents/carers of children attending a NY school but who live outside NY must complete the appropriate LA Common Application form. All parents/carers must return their completed applications by 31st October 2025.
1st March 2026	The appropriate LA will write to every parent/carers, who completed an application, to inform them of their allocated secondary school place.



Procedures for Applications for Admission

Applications for Admission into Year 7

The Governors welcome applications from the parents/carers of girls born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Applications will be considered for admission to Year 7 from parents/carers of girls born after 31st August 2015, but the Governors will require evidence of exceptional academic ability together with adequate social and physical development to enable such girls to benefit from early entry.

Application forms

Parents/carers will need to complete two separate forms.

LA Common Application Form

The Local Authority (LA) in which you live will provide a Common Application Form. Copies of this will be circulated to the parents/carers of all Year 5 pupils living in North Yorkshire in early July 2025. Parents/carers of girls who do not live in North Yorkshire will need to obtain the corresponding form from their home LA.

Parents/carers will be invited to state on the Common Application Form the names of a number of secondary schools in priority order and this order of preference will be crucial (see page 8). It will not be possible to guarantee a place if SGHS is not identified as first priority on the Local Authority form.

Skipton Girls' High School Registration Form

The online form registers your daughter for the selection tests. An automated message will confirm successful registration. **Closing date: midnight on Wednesday 27th August 2025.**

Early September you will receive, by post, two copies of your daughter's personal registration card, which will help with organisation on the day.

If your daughter has any additional needs, such as a hearing or visual impairment or other Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD), or language need, it is important that you tell us about this well before the tests so we can make the necessary adjustments.



Further Information

How will I know if my daughter has reached the required standard in the selection tests?

Your daughter will sit the tests on Saturday 27th September 2025. The tests are not marked in school. The Governors' Admissions Committee then considers which girls have reached the required standard to be considered for education at the school. Parents/carers will receive an email informing them whether their daughter has reached the required standard by Monday 21st October 2025.

Priority of entry

If the school receives applications from more than our pupil admission number who reach the required standard in each one of the selection tests, it will not be possible to offer places to all of them. The Governors' Admissions Committee will decide which girls to offer places to by using our oversubscription criteria (see Admissions Policy sections 2.4 and 2.5 for details).

The School gives priority to applications from girls living in the Priority Area who have reached the required standard in each one of the tests, although it is anticipated that places will be available for girls beyond this area (see Map on page 12). It has always been possible to offer places to all girls living in the Priority Area who have reached the required standard in each of the tests, but it may not be possible to offer places to all girls living outside this area who have reached the required standard.





How does the equal preference scheme work?

The Local Authority Common Application Form requires parents/carers to nominate a number of schools in order of preference. Once the various admissions criteria have been applied by the nominated schools, some pupils may be eligible for places at more than one school. The Local Authority will always allocate places by reference to the parents' /carers' order of preference as expressed on the Common Application Form. It is important that parents/carers realise that the school which has places available **and** is listed highest in priority on the form will be the school which will be offered to parents/carers on 1st March 2026.

Therefore, **if your child is deemed suitable for a grammar school education**, it is impossible to guarantee a place at SGHS unless **SGHS is entered as a first preference** on the Local Authority form.

For example, if SGHS is put as first choice:

- Preference 1 - SGHS
- Preference 2 - School X

Outcome: Either

1. A place will be offered at SGHS
- Or
2. If no place can be offered at SGHS School X must consider the application as if it was the first choice.

If School X is put as first choice:

- Preference 1 - School X
- Preference 2 – SGHS

Outcome:

If there is a place available at School X that place, and that place only will be offered.

SGHS can only consider the application if no place is available at School X.



What should I do if my daughter is ill on the test day?

If your daughter is totally incapable of sitting the tests on the day, telephone the school (01756 707600) before 9.30am. You must then take her to see the doctor as soon as possible and obtain a medical certificate or doctor's letter. A copy of the certificate or doctor's letter must be received by 4.00pm Wednesday 1st October 2025 at the very latest. We will arrange for your daughter to sit the test as soon as possible. This will be within a week of the original date.

What should I do if I think my daughter's performance in the selection tests may have been affected by certain factors?

If you think your daughter's performance in the selection tests has been affected by certain factors you should e-mail admissions@sghs.org.uk before 4.00pm Wednesday 1st October 2025 with the relevant details.





Selection Tests



About the FSCE Test for Year 7 Entry

At Skipton Girls' High School, we are committed to providing a fair and rigorous selection process for prospective students. As part of this commitment, we have adopted the [Future Stories Community Enterprise Ltd \(FSCE\)](#) Entrance Test as our Year 7 Entrance Test.

Why FSCE?

FSCE's main goal is to make Grammar School testing more accessible for all children: regardless of primary school, socio-economic background and/or disability. The FSCE Entrance Test is a modern and inclusive entrance test developed and reviewed in collaboration with experienced educators. It is designed to assess a child's academic ability in the most holistic manner permissible, rather than just through rote learning. The Test is designed to ensure all children have an equal opportunity to succeed and showcase their academic ability.

In focusing solely on areas of the KS2 National Curriculum that have been taught up to the end of Year 5, the Test aims to remove any need for tutoring. Instead, it emphasises the excellent work that children do at primary school and explores a child's innate ability, curiosity and problem-solving skills. This move away from



tutoring is essential in ensuring that we select children who will be best placed to thrive in our challenging and enriching school environment.

What is the FSCE Entrance Test?

The Test evaluates application of knowledge in English and Maths. Children will only be assessed on knowledge appropriate to the Key Stage 2 Curriculum so there is no element of the Test that should surprise, trouble or intimidate children. Nor will any tutor or parent have knowledge of the test that others lack.

The Test consists of both multiple-choice and written response questions. Further information can be found in the Familiarisation Guide below which includes sample test questions.

Link to familiarisation Guide: <https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/admissions>

How to Prepare

We suggest you print the Familiarisation Guide and read it through carefully. The FSCE Test does not require specialist tutoring, and no specific preparation is necessary. Instead, we encourage children to:

- Work well at primary school, with maximum attendance and engagement in all areas of school life.
- Develop strong reading habits by reading widely and deeply.
- Practise the fluency of their maths and problem-solving skills through real life day to day examples.
- Engage in imaginative and critical thinking discussions around the dinner table.
- Focus on calmness and confidence rather than pressure and stress.
- Trust that they already have the knowledge required to access the questions.

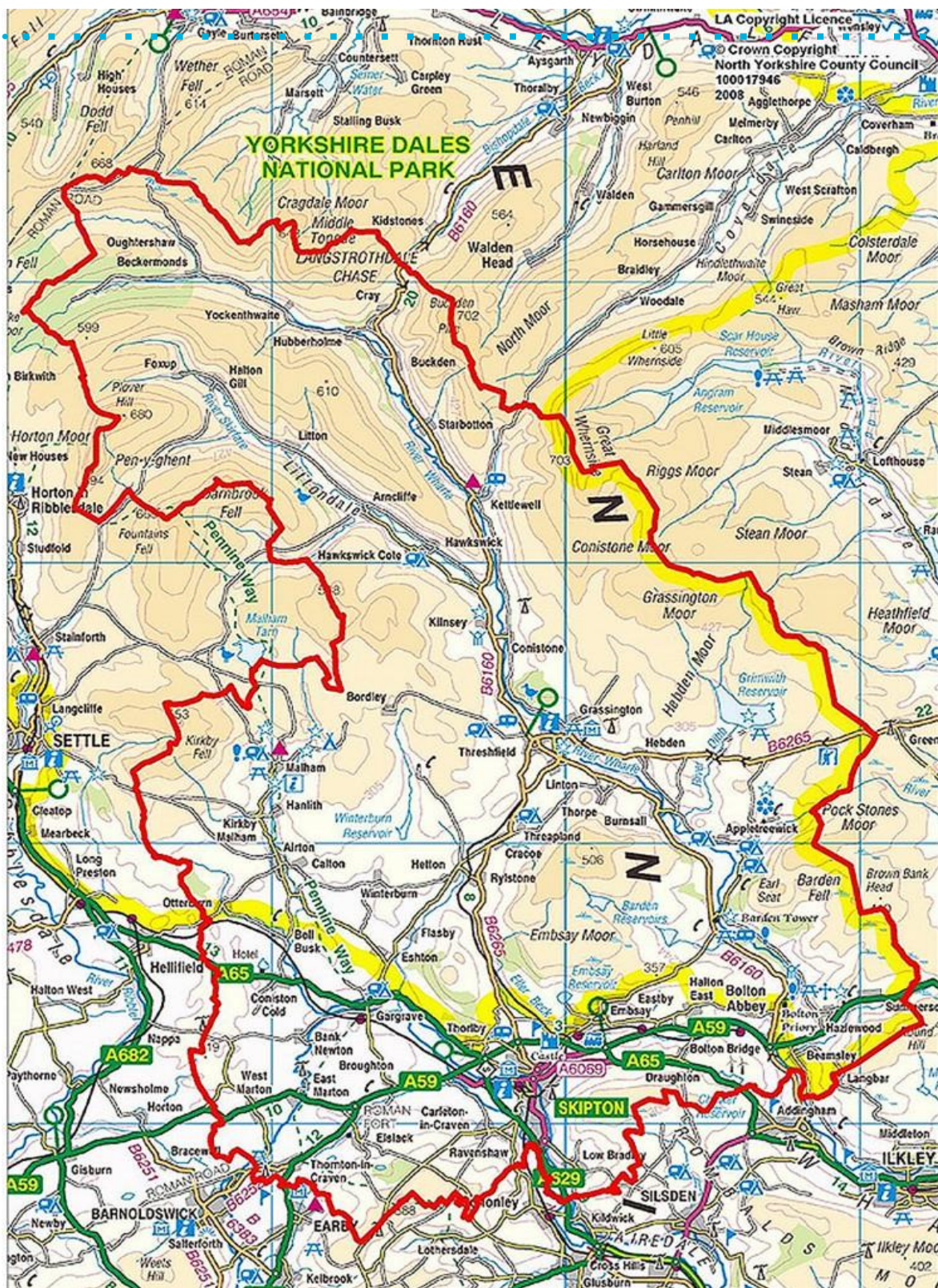
A child may only take the test once. All elements will be tested on one day in September. The School's entrance tests are set by Future Stories.

Once the tests have been marked, each test result is expressed as a standardised score which take a child's age into account, and this helps ensure younger students are not disadvantaged.

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.



Map of School Priority Area



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