



REDMAIDS'
HIGH SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS | BRISTOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Virtual Open Morning Junior Q&A

Q) What happens on the assessment day?

A) Once your daughter has been registered she will be invited to attend the school for a day, where she will attend normal lessons and be assessed in maths, writing and reading and carry out a non-verbal reasoning test. The day will be informal and friendly – we want your daughter to be able to relax and enjoy her time with us and no prior preparation is necessary. We then invite you in for detailed feedback.

Q) How big are your class sizes?

A) The maximum in any class is 20, however in reality most classes are smaller than this. We are a small, family friendly school where every child is known and nurtured and therefore keeping classes small is very important.

Q) What time does the day start and finish?

A) The main Junior School day is from 8.45am until 3.30pm or 4.00pm on games afternoons. However, the school is open for Breakfast Club from 7.30am and girls can remain on site for clubs or after school care until 6pm.

Q) Is before and after school provided?

A) Yes, we want to make the school as accessible as possible for busy parents. Girls are welcome onsite from 7.30am up until 6pm. If they are joining us for breakfast club there is a fee of £1.70 per day. After school care is free (apart from a small number of chargeable clubs).

Q) What sort of after school clubs and other extra-curricular opportunities are on offer?

A) The list of clubs and extra-curricular activities is long and ever evolving. We have a choice of clubs available every day ranging from art, ballet, book club, chess, debating, eco-club, mathematics, puzzle club, robotics, science and writers workshop. For those who are interested in music and performance we have brass group, cello group, choirs, guitar group, handbell ringing, orchestra, recorders, string group and theatre. Sports clubs are very popular ranging from athletics, cricket, fencing, football, hockey, judo, netball, orienteering, rounders, tag rugby and tennis.

Q) What pastoral care is provided?

A) Pastoral care is embedded in every aspect of school life from assemblies to house competitions and charitable events. We manage a wide range of activities designed to develop kind and positive behaviour to one another, personal esteem, organisational skills, moral and social awareness. On joining the school, younger girls will be introduced to a 'buddy' sparking a friendship that often lasts far beyond their school days.

Q) Why single-sex?

A) As one of the leading girls' schools in the country, we understand the wide-ranging benefits a single sex education can offer. Our learning environment is entirely focused on the girls; there is no dilution of attention to their needs and they are offered all the opportunities and hold all the responsibilities. They also have the chance to socialise with boys beyond the classroom through links with a local boys' school.

Q) What would happen in the event of another lock-down?

A) Every pupil in the Junior School has their own iPad used as a learning tool. All lessons will move to live teaching online using Zoom. This helps us to provide a continuity of education and maintain a high level of contact with each pupil. Work can be exchanged through our school Hub too.

Q) How are pupil assessments being done at present?

A) To help us maintain the highest possible safety standards, visitors are not currently allowed on site. This means that pupil assessments will be completed online, via a direct Zoom call with the Headteacher, Mrs Brown. The assessment explores your daughter's ability in mathematics, writing and reading, and also includes a non-verbal reasoning test. We keep it informal and relaxed, and no advance preparation is needed. Overall, it will normally take a couple of hours.