



## SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

*Our Vision:*

*To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.*

### ADMISSION IN YEAR SECONDARY TO SECONDARY PROCEDURE / CRITERIA FOR 2026 - 2027

#### In Year - Secondary to Secondary Transfer

Shirley High School is a comprehensive 11 – 18 school taking both boys and girls. The ethos of this school is a learning environment where all students have the opportunity to enjoy their education and achieve to their fullest potential. This is due to the strong emphasis we place on high standards of achievement and behaviour amongst all our students. We believe that such standards are achieved where good attendance, punctuality and the development of sound personal relationships, are encouraged. We ask all parents/carers applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.

The number of agreed places in each year (Yr 7-Yr 11) is 180. Parents/carers must fill in our school application form for the application to be valid. Application forms can be obtained from the school or our website [www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk). Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following oversubscription criteria.

#### 1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children

Looked after children are defined as children in public care at the date on which the application is made. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

If an application is made under the 'looked after' criterion, it must be supported by:

- A letter from the relevant Local Authority Children's Services Department and/or relevant documents including a copy of adoption, residence or special guardianship order where applicable.
- Evidence which demonstrates that a child was in state care outside of England and left that care as a result of being adopted.

#### 2. Sibling

At the time of application, the applicant must have a sibling (brother / sister; stepbrother / stepsister; half brother / half sister or adopted child) in every case who resides in the same family unit at the same address, attending and expecting to attend the school at the time of the applicant's admission.

#### 3. Medical Reason

Those who seek admission on serious medical grounds will be required to produce written medical evidence. This evidence must be submitted with the original application, supported by a registered professional medical consultant, and establish the reasons why entry to this particular school rather than any other is essential.



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### 4. Children of Staff At The School

Priority may be given to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances: (a) Where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or (b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

### 5. Distance from School

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's permanent address, to our main entrance by the Local Authority using a computerised measuring system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). In the case of separated parents, if a child spends time with both parents an agreed home address should be nominated at the time of application. Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority. For shared properties, e.g. flats, the geographical references will determine the start point within the property boundaries to be used for distance calculation purposes. In the event of applicants being equidistant from the school, applicants will be chosen by random selection using the random number generation programme hosted by Trinity College, Dublin at [www.random.org](http://www.random.org) to generate numbers.

### Waiting List

Where an application is received for a year group that is already full a parent/carer may request their child's name be added to the waiting list. Names will be kept on the waiting list for one term from the date of application. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria above.

### Year 12

Shirley High school offers an extensive educational offer in Years 12 and 13 information of which is found in the sixth form prospectus. All year 11 are encouraged to apply to continue their education at the school provided they meet the entry requirements for courses. Applications are also accepted from external candidates who meet the entry requirements. The school reserves the right to place a ceiling on numbers where these are such that planned groups become over large and where additional groups cannot be staffed or accommodated.

We want all at SHS to believe in and maintain the values of our school:

