

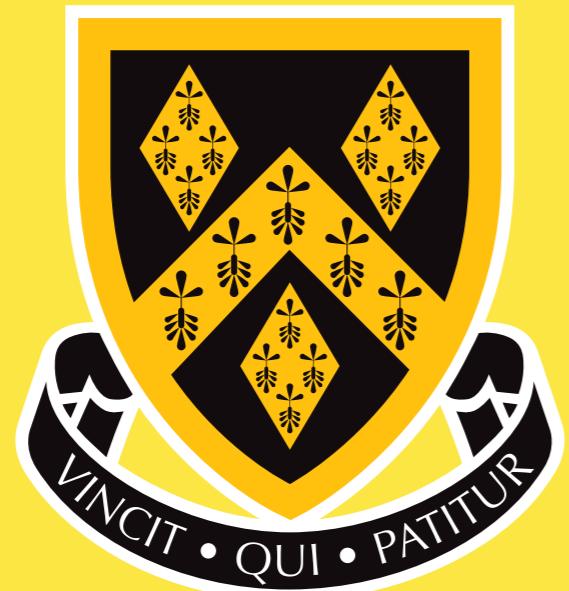
STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Fearless Since *1487*

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS
2025 / 2026

FACE *EVERY* CHALLENGE



SINCE 1487

SHAPE *THE* FUTURE



BEYOND READY AT SGS,
WE GO BEYOND EDUCATION.

Sixth Form at SGS is where ambition goes beyond limits. We don't just prepare pupils for what's next. We push them to shape it.

Through leadership, challenge, and the freedom to think differently, our pupils rise with purpose. And lead with courage.

BEYOND BOUNDS



WELCOME TO STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Welcome to the Sixth Form at Stockport Grammar School. The two years in Sixth Form are vitally important not only in the progress towards linear A Level examinations, but perhaps more importantly in terms of the development of our pupils, into adults ready to step into the worlds of university and work. We firmly believe in the introduction of a new dynamic to SGS life in the Sixth Form. During the course of these two years, our students are encouraged to develop the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in higher education. All of this takes place within the environs of the school community but with important differences.

The Sixth Form marks a crucial stage in both academic achievement and personal growth. While students prepare for linear A Level examinations, they also begin their transition into adulthood — ready to take on university and the workplace.

Sixth Form pupils have expanded co-curricular opportunities, leadership, independence and privileges with more flexibility in their timetable and their own study and social spaces.

Having chosen a programme of study that more narrowly focuses on individual interests and attributes, the Sixth Form provides a supportive environment to develop academically, supported in small classes by subject specialists. Our UCAS and Careers Advisers provide pupils with an unrivalled level of personalised support and expertise, ensuring that our leavers are able to go on to the courses and degree apprenticeships of their choosing. Alongside this, we actively encourage our Sixth Form pupils to engage in the wider life of SGS and the community. I challenge each and every one of the pupils to embrace these chances to play, perform, travel, serve, create and so much more.

The opportunities within SGS are boundless, and our Sixth Form curriculum empowers our pupils to go beyond their potential and into purpose. I look forward to meeting you, either as a current pupil or parent, or as a prospective 16+ applicant.

Mr David Stone
Head of Sixth Form

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ACADEMIC AMBITION



If you want small classes with exceptional teaching and expert support during your Sixth Form years, Stockport Grammar School is an ideal choice. You'll enjoy outstanding co-curricular activities, make lasting friendships, and build a strong foundation for life after school.

Our modern Sixth Form Centre features a spacious social area, enhanced study spaces, and a café offering drinks and snacks each morning.

"Pupils are well prepared for life beyond school and for the next stage of their education."

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Our broad and challenging A Level curriculum allows every student to specialise as they progress, giving them the opportunity to focus on, achieve and exceed their goals.

Teaching in small seminar-style classes by subject specialists who are passionate about their chosen field provides expert preparation for learning in Higher Education.

Our well-resourced, modern facilities encourage humanities students to read and research whilst having the means to conduct practical work in the sciences. We encourage our students to be academically curious on all fronts, through involvement in national competitions, writing magazines, giving talks, attending lecture days and on academic visits.

The curriculum is complemented by the opportunity for every student to undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), supported by an experienced team of academic mentors and countless opportunities to develop the skills sought by universities and employers in an increasingly competitive marketplace.



"The teachers at SGS are really enthusiastic about their subjects which makes the lessons enjoyable."

Sixth Form student



“We have loved being part of the SGS community and I will be sad when my child finishes next year. The school is going from strength to strength.”

Parent Survey

CARE, CHARACTER AND COMMUNITY

Stockport Grammar offers exceptional teaching and guidance to prepare pupils for the opportunities which lie ahead. Every year we welcome students from state and independent schools to join us for the two years of Sixth Form.

We offer small class sizes with 15 students in each form group. Combine this with outstanding co-curricular and personal development opportunities and you'll not only enjoy yourself and make long lasting friendships, but you will also have the best possible foundation for life beyond school. Our students achieve exceptional results and with our support are able to progress to their first-choice universities and careers.

Our Sixth Form offers the opportunity to make a strong start in three or four subjects, supported in small groups containing students passionate about their subjects who are inspired by gifted teachers. The phased transition to independent study possible within the framework of

the school environment adeptly balances structure with a new dynamic, giving Sixth Formers more flexibility in their timetable and the opportunity to choose alongside A Levels academically enhancing opportunities such as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Central to the benefit gained from Sixth Form at SGS is the individualised support given in preparing students for application to university or other next steps, such as apprenticeships. The expertise and wise counsel offered from the Careers department to each student and from their UCAS Adviser ensures that at every step of the journey, there is a familiar face to guide, reassure, advise and assist.

There are many opportunities to work collaboratively and take on leadership roles, including the Model United Nations programme, Young Enterprise, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, alongside a host of sporting, musical, theatrical and many more co-curricular activities. Sixth Formers may also become Prefects, helping younger pupils and staff with the smooth running of the school and taking responsibility for specific areas including Houses and Charities.



“Pupils experience a broad curriculum complemented by an extensive selection of co-curricular activities. As a result, pupils are interested in their learning, eager to embrace challenge and participate in all activities.”

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Supporting children in their own personal development is at the heart of what we do. An exceptional number and variety of co-curricular opportunities in sport, music, drama, academic societies, outdoor pursuits and trips nurture the talents of individual students, help to produce well-rounded young people and enrich the life of our community.

At our clubs and activities fair in early September, we encourage all new pupils to join in and challenge themselves by trying a range of activities. This is an excellent opportunity for them to make friends, extend their comfort zones and maybe even open the door to a life-long passion.

Our visits, trips, language exchange and outdoor activity programmes are well established and widely enjoyed both in term time and during the holidays. SGS adventures range across the UK and across the globe and details of forthcoming trips are available on the website to help pupils and parents plan ahead.

Pupils generally choose between trips on the basis of interest and cost. For a child in receipt of a bursary, the school may contribute towards the cost of certain trips.

SGS is nationally recognised as a centre of excellence for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, with full support from Bronze all the way through to Gold. Visit the SGS website to explore the full range of Beyond the Classroom activities.



“Our daughter has thoroughly embraced life throughout all her years at Stockport Grammar School and has definitely reached her full potential in every sense of the word.”

Parent Survey

A LEVEL RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS

At SGS we are committed to helping our pupils go beyond their capabilities.

Studying A Levels equips students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive in higher education, the workplace, and beyond. These qualifications offer depth and challenge, encouraging students to think critically, analyse complex ideas, and develop independent learning habits that will serve them for life.

Our pupils chose to study subjects such as:

- Accounting
- International Relations
- Art History
- Biological Sciences
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Medicine
- Archaeology
- Music
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Fashion
- Pharmacy
- Computer Science
- Politics
- Dentistry
- Physics
- English
- Aerospace Engineering
- Geography
- History

Careers Advice

The school provides a dedicated careers service with resources on various professions and career paths, including routes to each. Students exploring alternatives to university, such as apprenticeships, entering the workforce at 18, or taking a Gap Year, can find advice here. Every two years, the school hosts a Careers Convention with representatives from employers, organisations, key universities, and professions. At our most recent Careers Convention, pupils could speak to representatives from companies such as Rolls Royce, BBC, Barclays, Deloitte and Arup.

In 2025, our pupils achieved an amazing set of results. With a 100% pass rate, 75% of grades were from A* - B and 41% were at the highest grades of A* - A.

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2025



89%

of pupils leaving to their chosen universities



"My child has excelled academically, and this is down to great teachers who encourage and reward good behaviour and hard work."

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OLD STOPFORDIANS

What is an Old Stopfordian?

An Old Stopfordian (or Old Stop) is usually a former SGS pupil – whether they have attended the School for two years, or 12. There are over 6,000 Old Stopfordians all over the world – professionals of all ages and backgrounds in all stages of their careers. As we are a community for all, for life, we also like to keep in touch with former staff and parents, as they have played a special part of what we can achieve together.

What we do

We build an unstoppable bond with Old Stops. We go beyond emails and alumni lists. To break down barriers, bottle their experience, share their stories, and point pupils down paths less travelled.

We do this by organising:

- Networking events, social activities and reunions across the UK and beyond
- Careers advice and events
- Newsletters and magazines
- Volunteering opportunities
- Sharing of expertise
- ... all tailored with Old Stops in mind.

How do we keep in touch with you?

You can find out about a lot of alumni news and how we can help you on our website, through our monthly email newsletters, and on Facebook and Instagram.

To stay in touch with SGS after school and receive all the benefits of being part of our global alumni community, you can visit: community.stockportgrammar.co.uk and click 'Contact Us'.

Founded in 1487 by Sir Edmond Shaa, Lord Mayor of London and Court Jeweller to three kings of England, we are one of the oldest schools in the country and very proud of our place in the history of the region and the nation.

Our former pupils share that pride, returning regularly to school to inspire their younger peers and to help them find their paths in the world. From the West End stage, to the corridors of Westminster and the worlds of business, international diplomacy and law, the routes which Old Stopfordians take reflect confidence, a determination to embrace opportunities and pursue ambitions.

Visit our website to explore our 'Alumni Stories' to find out more about the amazing and diverse paths followed by Old Stops including:

Krishanthi Carfrae (OS 2004)

Former Old Stopfordian President, Krishanthi is Head of Development at North Lincolnshire Council. A Town and Country Planning specialist, previously Krishanthi was Head of Cities, Advisory and Economics at Arup.

Marianne Elliott OBE (OS 1985)

Theatre Director and co-owner of Elliott & Harper Productions, responsible for directing the West End revival of Company for the stage, and also directed two episodes of Talking Heads by Alan Bennett for the BBC in 2020. Marianne received an OBE for services to theatre in 2018.

Dr Anthony Freeman CBE (OS 1976)

Senior Technical Consultant on strategies for Space Exploration and Technologies and Retired Program Manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Dr Freeman was awarded a CBE in 2025 for services to UK/US Relations in Space and Earth Science.

Abigail Dean (OS 2007)

Sunday Times bestselling author of 'Girl A', 'Day One' and 'The Death Of Us'. Before her career as a novelist, Abigail was a successful lawyer for Google.

Ed Francis (OS 2017)

Professional footballer, playing for Exeter City FC from July 2024. After coming through the academy at Manchester City, he has played at Wolverhampton Wanderers, Harrogate Town, Notts County and Gateshead.

Sophie Skelton (OS 2012)

British actor known for playing one of the female leads in Amazon Prime's series Outlander which was nominated for Golden Globes, BAFTAs and Emmy Awards.

Paul Phoenix (OS 1985)

Grammy award-winner with The King's Singers in 2009 for their album 'Simple Gifts'. Paul now owns his own vocal coaching business, delivering lessons all over the world.

YOUR



FUTURE

SIXTH FORM STUDY SPACES

SGS is committed to creating and developing the perfect environment for our pupils to enjoy learning.

Our Sixth Form pupils have access to modern study and social spaces. An outdoor quad was transformed into a light and spacious study and social space which is available solely for Sixth Form pupils. Here pupils can catch up on coursework or socialise with friends.

Edmond's Cafe

Sixth Form pupils also have access to Edmond's Cafe. Named after the School's founder, Sir Edmond Shaa, the cafe offers hot and cold drinks, as well as hot food and snacks. The cafe is only accessible to Sixth Form pupils and staff members.



“Stockport Grammar School is a vibrant and welcoming community where values of respect and tolerance sit at the core of its ethos.”

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SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS



Choosing a school for your child as they approach Sixth Form age is an important decision for parents and we want to make this process as simple as possible.

Visit Us

You are very welcome to visit for an individual family school day tour so you and your child can experience SGS and ask the questions that are important to you. Please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@stockportgrammar.co.uk or 0161 419 2409 if you would like to arrange a visit.

Our Admissions Team are always happy to meet you in-person by appointment, virtually or on the phone. The Admissions Office is available at admissions@stockportgrammar.co.uk or 0161 419 2409.

Entrance examination

The 11+ entrance examination for admission to First Year in September 2026 takes place on Tuesday 13th January 2026. The closing date for applications is Friday 5th December 2025. Please see the entrance examination page on our website for more details of the format of the exam.

Post-examination meeting

An informal meeting forms the final stage of the admissions procedure. Those invited for a post-examination meeting will be notified by email within two weeks of the entrance exam. You and your child will meet with a member of the senior management team.

Offer of a place

If your child is offered a place, you will be notified on Tuesday 24th February 2026. The deadline for acceptance of the offer of a place will be on Thursday 5th March 2026.

You will be given the opportunity to visit the school again after places have been offered.

Entry to other years

Where vacancies arise, we are pleased to welcome children into Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Children will be asked to take an assessment and references will also be sought from your child's current school.

Sixth Form

Every year we welcome students from state and independent schools to join us for the two years of Sixth Form. Applicants and their parents will be invited for an interview with Head Mrs Sarah Capewell and Head of Sixth Form Mr David Stone. Applicants may be offered a place subject to expected GCSE grades being achieved and a suitable reference from the applicant's current school.

Details of Terms and Conditions and Cancellation Notices are available on the school website.

Applications

You may apply for a place by completing the online application form.

A non-refundable fee of £75 per child is applicable upon submission of the form.





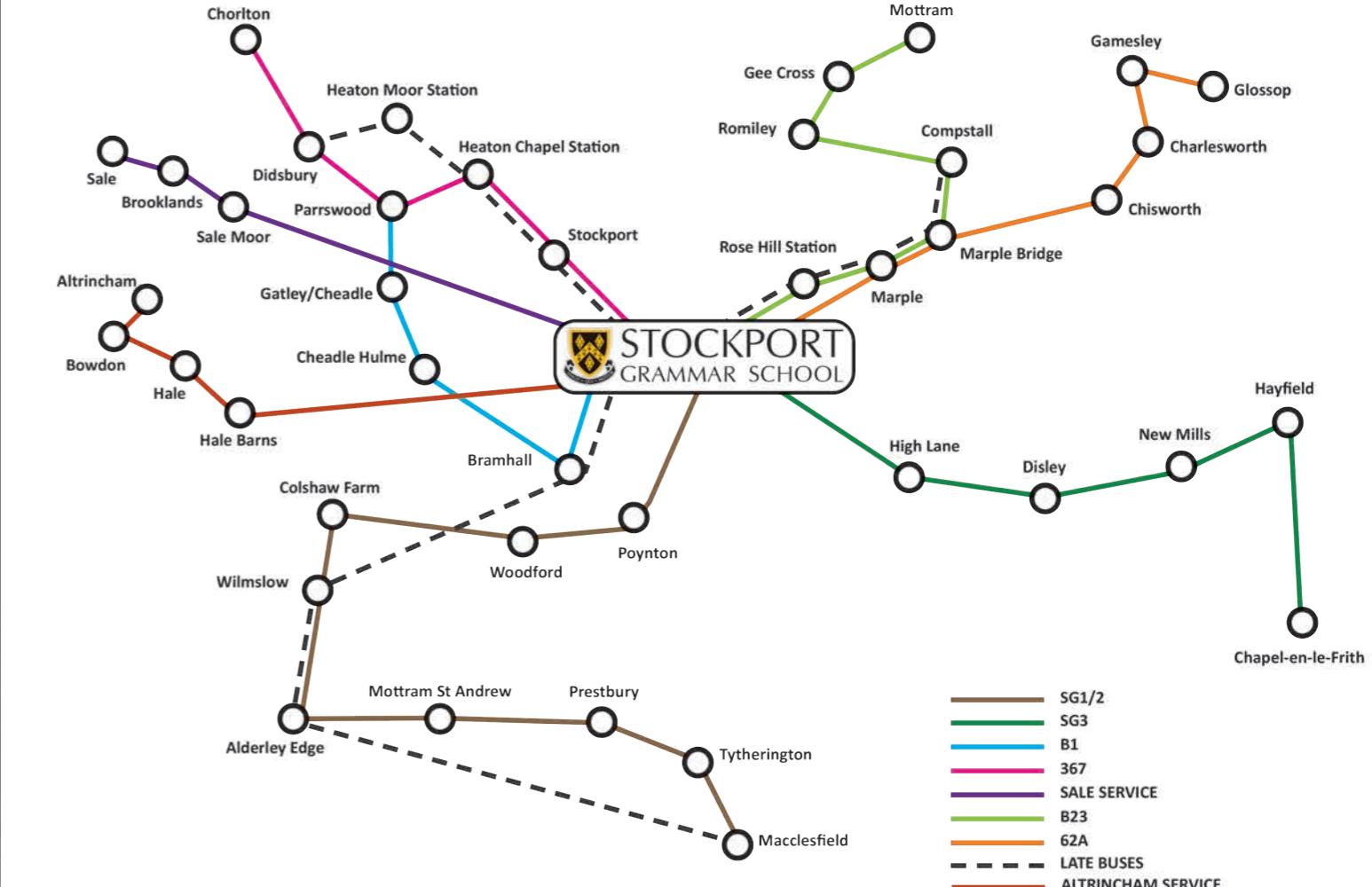
SCHOOL LIFE

School Hours

Senior School morning registration is at 8.40am but pupils may arrive from 7.45am when the school site opens. The Library opens at 8am and breakfast is available to purchase in the Dining Hall. There are 5 periods of lessons per day, with lessons alternating on a two week Blue Week/Yellow Week timetable. Lunch is from 12.25pm to 1.40pm to allow plenty of time to eat, take a break and enjoy co-curricular activities. The school day ends at 3.50pm but the school site remains open to pupils to 6pm so they can take part in further co-curricular activities and use the school library and other study spaces.

Meals

We are committed to ensuring our pupils are provided with nutritious, appetising and wholesome meals. We provide a comprehensive menu offering a range of healthy meals to satisfy all requirements and palates. Please let us know if your child has a food allergy or a special dietary requirement. We are a nut-free site, any food containing nuts is prohibited.



PRIVATE SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

Transport

Our location just off the A6 and its proximity to Woodsmoor and Davenport railway stations means that we are well served by private school bus services, public buses and rail.

Private School Buses

We have an extensive network of private school buses.

Public buses stopping outside school.

192 route from Hazel Grove to Manchester, through Stockport.

199 from Buxton.

361 from Glossop and Disley.

The 378 from Bramhall stops at Davenport railway station, a short walk away.

Trains

Woodsmoor and Davenport railway stations are both a short walk from the school. The stations are on the Manchester to Buxton line with stops including Stockport, Whaley Bridge, Disley and Hazel Grove.

Stockport station is 1.5 miles north of the school and is easily reached with frequent bus services including the 192.

ISI INSPECTION

We are delighted to share the results of our Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) Routine Inspection Report from November 2023. Our school was one of the first in the North West to be inspected under the new ISI Inspection Framework which does not give one-word gradings.

THE INSPECTORS COMMENTED

"Teaching is stimulating and elicits enthusiastic responses from the pupils. Adults provide pupils from a young age with a strong foundation in speaking, listening, literacy and numeracy skills."

"Pupils enjoy community engagement events where they learn about helping those from different sections of the community."

"Inspired by the school's aims for them to be academically ambitious, pupils are interested and motivated in their learning."

"Pupils value the chances leaders provide to engage with their local community and with charitable endeavours, showing pride in the contributions they make."

"School leaders recognise that recreation is fundamental to pupils' wellbeing and provide ample space for pupils to socialise and be physically and cerebrally active."

"Eclectic co-curricular activities, including the debating society and amnesty groups, increase the scope for pupils to engage in issues beyond the school gates and develop their global awareness."



BOOK ONLINE FOR 2025 OPEN EVENTS

Senior School Open Mornings

Saturday 20th September
9.30am – 12pm

Saturday 8th November
9.30am – 12pm

Junior School, Nursery &

Years 1-4 Open Morning
Saturday 20th September

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 7th October

School Day Tours and
Taster Sessions Available



Scan the QR Code to read the full report



Book Now

FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

School fees cover the cost of tuition, examination entries, textbooks, and most co-curricular activities.

2025/2026 School Year

Senior School and Sixth Form fees: £4,995 per term

Junior School: £3,857 per term

Nursery: £3,649 per term
(if attending full time)

The fees stated do not include VAT.

Early Years Funding is available for pupils who are eligible. For further information please contact the Junior School.

Payment method

School fees can be paid by direct debit, either termly or three times per term.

Financial advice

Stockport Grammar School does not give financial or investment advice. You may wish to take advice from your own financial advisor or one of the companies who offer specialist advice as to the best way to plan the costs of long-term fee payment.

Lunch

Every child stays for lunch, except Nursery children not attending a full day. Lunch is charged for separately per term.

2025/2026 School Year

Senior School lunches: £287 per term

Junior School lunches: £258 per term

Nursery and Infant lunches: £221 per term

Bursaries

We may be able to offer assistance with Senior School and Sixth Form fees to parents whose income is less than £59,950. Please see the bursaries and scholarships page of the website for more details or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@stockportgrammar.co.uk or 0161 419 2409.

Shaa scholarships

We offer a small number of scholarships each year based on outstanding performance in the entrance examination. A Shaa scholarship gives a reduction of £1,000 on each full year's fees and is held for the pupil's first five years in the senior school, subject to an annual progress review.

You do not need to apply for a Shaa scholarship and they are not subject to a means test. Offers of Shaa scholarships will be made in the letter sent to parents in March giving the outcome of the entrance examination.

Music scholarships

Two music scholarships are available each year to cover up to 25% of the school fees. Music scholarships are awarded after audition to prospective pupils who have already reached a high standard on one or more instruments and show outstanding musical potential. Please see the bursaries and scholarships page of the website or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@stockportgrammar.co.uk or 0161 419 2409 for details of how to apply for a Music Scholarship.

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The Admissions Office

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admissions@stockportgrammar.co.uk

To arrange Senior School Day Tours please contact:

The Admissions Office

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For inquiries about Junior School Admissions and Visits please contact:

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Head's PA 0161 419 2405

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“Thank you SGS for helping my son to develop into such a happy, thoughtful, independent young man.”

Parent Survey



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