

# Open Day 2021

Saturday 2 October 2021, 9am-1.30pm

## What will you find?



## Welcome to Open Day 2021

We are delighted to welcome you to our first whole school Open Day in two years. During your two-hour visit, you will have the opportunity to see our beautiful campus and outstanding facilities, and to hear from Headmistress Rebecca Dougall.

This is the ideal time to discover everything that is so special about our wonderful school and find out how we enable and encourage every student to discover her own strengths and develop the self-belief and confidence that will equip her for life.

As you tour St Helen's today, please do take the time to enjoy talking to our staff and students.

### During your visit

On arrival please make your way to the main entrance of the School. Sign-in desks are situated in the Atrium where we invite you to register and collect your prospectus pack.

After signing in you will be greeted by your tour guide who will be delighted to accompany you around the School and answer your questions about life at St Helen's. Please do let your guide know if you have any particular areas of interest.

Your tour will end at the Yolande Paterson Hall (YPH), where you will listen to Headmistress Rebecca Dougall's address. Mrs Dougall will share thoughts on the school's ethos and mission, and will be joined by some current St Helen's students on stage.

### The Headmistress' address will take place at:

Session 1 visitors 10.30am

Session 2 visitors 11.45am

Session 3 visitors 1pm

### Refreshments

Following Mrs Dougall's address, you will be directed towards the School's refectory where you will find freshly made canapés, finger food and other tasty treats – prepared by our award-winning catering team – for you to sample and take home with you.

Water stations will be situated around the School for you to enjoy during your tour.

### Bursaries

St Helen and St Katharine welcomes applications for bursaries from families with demonstrable financial need. Bursaries are available from age 11 and may cover from 20–100% of fees. Further details and application closing dates can be found in the Admissions section of the school website [shsk.org.uk](http://shsk.org.uk). Parents are invited to book a 10-minute meeting slot with the Bursary on Open Day by Zoom.

### Joint Bus Service

St Helen and St Katharine shares an efficient and reliable bus service with Abingdon School. Further information can be found at [jointbus.co.uk](http://jointbus.co.uk)

### Shuttle bus

Abingdon School is also hosting their Open Day today. To facilitate attendance at both events, a free shuttle bus will run between St Helen's and Abingdon between 9am–12pm.

### Fire evacuation

If the fire alarm sounds, visitors should make their way to the main playing field via the nearest emergency exit (Fire Assembly Point marked on map) quickly and quietly. Do not re-enter the building until the all clear has been confirmed.

### Reception/lost and found

Should any child be separated from their parents, they will be taken to Reception in the main entrance hall. Any lost items will also be taken to Reception for reclaiming.

### As you leave

As you make your way out of St Helen's, some key staff will be present in the Chapel for any brief questions you may have as you end your visit:

- Head of Lower School (Years 7–8), Kay Taylor
- Head of Middle School (Years 9–11), Helen Nash
- Head of Sixth Form and Higher Education, Heather Darcy – Mrs Darcy will also be showing our exciting new Sixth Form Centre development
- Head of Learning Support, Debbie Cobbing

### Admissions

Information about the admissions processes for the various entry points for 2022 entry are included in the prospectus pack you receive today. Our Registrar Jane Herold or a member of the Admissions team will be available to answer any quick questions you may have. The Admissions team will also be delighted to have more detailed conversations after Open Day and can be contacted on [admissions@shsk.org.uk](mailto:admissions@shsk.org.uk) or 01235 530593.

## Thank you

Thank you for visiting. We hope you have enjoyed spending time with us today. If you have any questions about what you have seen or would like more information, please contact our Registrar who will be happy to help further.

Please visit the Admissions section of the school website for information on further open events.

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**A-level Options Open Evening**  
Thursday 7 October

**Open Junior Department**  
Thursday 14 October



## 1. Main Building

**Art:** Students will be working in our beautiful studios with a range of art processes including observational drawing, paintings and collage.

**Classics:** Contribute to a model Roman banquet and try your hand at Roman bingo.

**Geography:** Visit geography to write your own climate change pledge and explore how Covid has shaped students' local areas.

**History:** Try out interactive historical games, learn about our wonderful trips to WW1 battlefields and Berlin, and chat to current students.

**Maths:** Come and take part in our smarties survey, discover maths in the real world and have a go at some puzzles.

**Music:** Come and listen to live rehearsals and performances and speak to staff and students about the many opportunities on offer.

**Politics:** Discover why our students love getting to grips with current affairs, political issues and economic challenges.

**RPE:** Can you identify hidden religious objects and place them within the relevant religion? Come and discuss big questions with our students.

**Chapel:** You are warmly invited to chat with our Chaplain and to add your own personal message of hope to our 'Tree of Life'.

## 2. Old School Hall

**Junior Department (Years 5 and 6):** Come and see exciting activities including creating your own animation, programming a Lego rover and visiting our newly hatched chicks.

## 3. Studio Theatre

**Drama:** Let your imagination take flight in the creative world of theatre – watch drama rehearsals in action and try out your skills as a puppeteer!

## 4. Jean Duffield Building

**English:** Take the literary quiz, tour our texts, and see students' explorations of literature from different cultures.

**Languages:** Come and have a look at a range of creative linguistic activities that we undertake in class, and see how we use the latest technology to support learning.

## 5. Jean Duffield Library

**Library:** Our outstanding Library is at the heart of the School – come and share our love for incredible information and fantastic fiction.

**Archive:** Discover St Helen's fascinating past – our School Archive contains captivating material from its foundation until the present day.

**Careers and Higher Education:** Come and visit our wonderful careers library and discover a world of exciting careers and future opportunities.

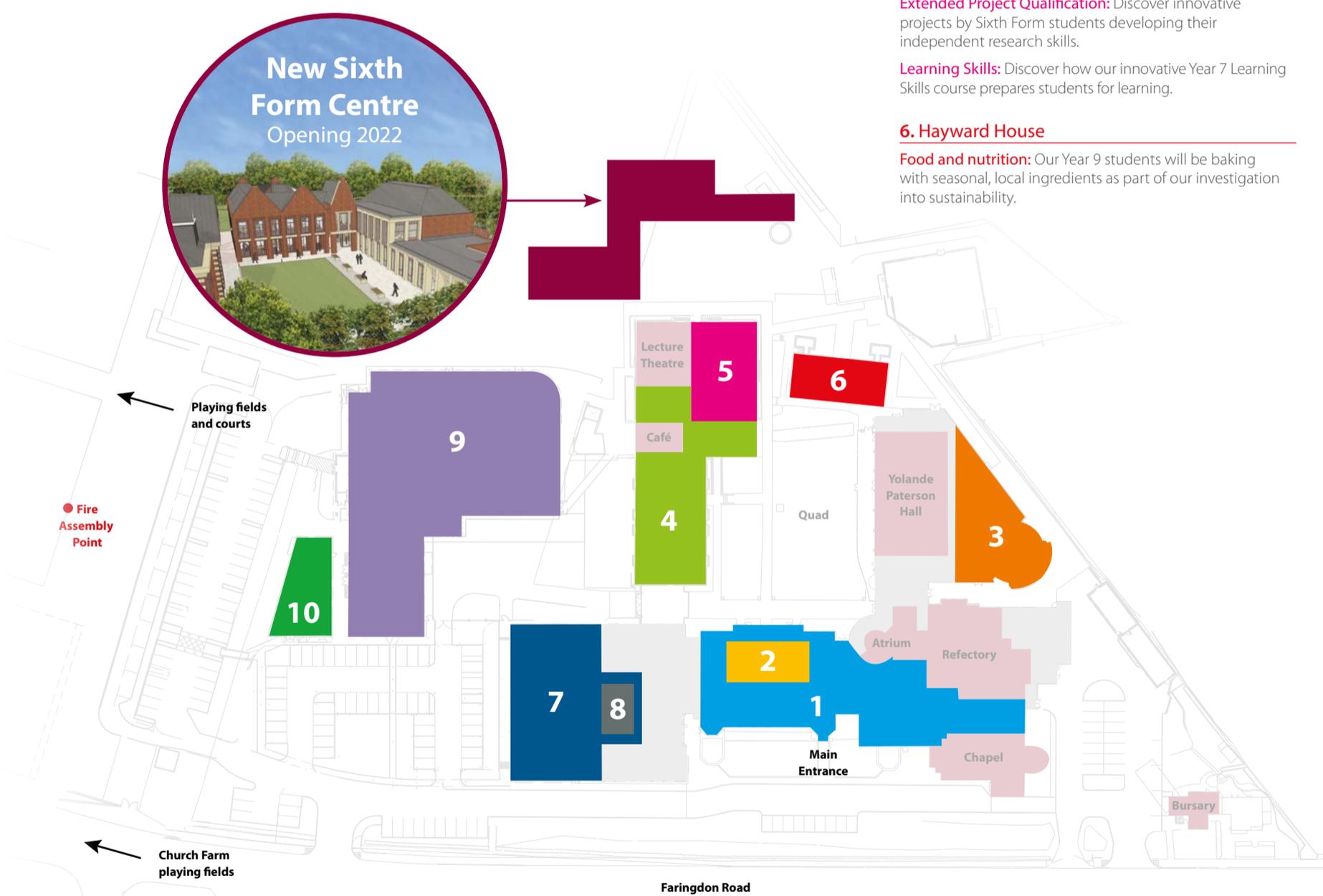
**Computer Science:** Come and explore the digital toys made by our students using software and physical computing.

**Extended Project Qualification:** Discover innovative projects by Sixth Form students developing their independent research skills.

**Learning Skills:** Discover how our innovative Year 7 Learning Skills course prepares students for learning.

## 6. Hayward House

**Food and nutrition:** Our Year 9 students will be baking with seasonal, local ingredients as part of our investigation into sustainability.



## 7. Science Centre

**Biology:** Science comes alive in the biology labs, where you can examine a pair of lungs, dissect a flower and discover the hidden microscopic world of our pond.

**Chemistry:** Enjoy a taste of what chemistry has to offer with a little whizz, bang and pop!

**Physics:** Physics provides answers to the mysteries of nature and the universe. What will you discover?

**Psychology:** Find out more about this fascinating subject by observing some experiments, you never know what you may find out about yourself!

## 8. Science Centre Atrium

See a snapshot of life beyond the classroom with our displays of clubs, societies and trips. Find out how St Helen's students contribute to the School and to the local and international community, as well as developing skills in leadership, enterprise and teamwork. Students will be on hand to talk about a wide range of activities including Duke of Edinburgh, School Council, Tycoon enterprise and more.

## 9. Sports Centre

**Sport:** Come and visit our fantastic Sports Centre – there will be a range of exciting activities and displays during the day.

## 10. 3D Design Centre

**Ceramics:** In ceramics, you'll find Year 10 students working on a range of techniques as part of their GCSE projects.

**Design and Technology:** Students will be working on their GCSE projects – come and see 3D printing, CNC routing and laser cutting.