



# Westcliff High School for Boys

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# GO FOR GRAMMAR!

## 11+ FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Westcliff High School for Boys' Centre for Gifted Children (WCGC), established in 2010, is a programme of 11+ familiarisation events throughout the School Year aimed at encouraging local children to consider the possibility of a state Grammar School education. Since the Centre's inception, almost 7,000 local children have participated. Working closely with local primary schools to offer opportunities for bright children, primarily from disadvantaged backgrounds, the WCGC Go for Grammar! 11+ familiarisation programme for **Year 5 boys and girls living within the School's local priority catchment area (postcodes SS0 to SS9)** provides a taste of what a grammar school education is like. In addition, parents are provided with practical information about the 11+ examination and how best to help their children prepare to sit the exam.

The Go for Grammar! Programme consists of a series of themed 'workshop' events which take place on Saturdays throughout the year. Each workshop has an overall theme and includes Mathematics and English tutorial sessions, run by members of Westcliff High School for Boys' teaching staff, covering material that is relevant to 11+ examination questions; each session also includes an introduction to a foreign language. Workshop themes for 2023/24 are:

### **Saturday 30 September 2023 – Sport, Adventure and Leadership**

An action packed selection of outdoor sporting opportunities in addition to exciting sessions tasks run by cadets from our WHSB Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Army, Navy and RAF sections that are fun and inclusive for pupils of all abilities.

### **Saturday 20 January 2024 – All Things Creative**

Pupils will have sessions in Art, Music and Technology, and Modern Foreign Languages to learn and develop their creative skills, using our dedicated specialist facilities.


### **Saturday 27 April 2024 – Lively Laboratories**

A series of hands-on practical activities in the School's science laboratories will introduce pupils to the exciting science of chemical reactions in Chemistry, the relationships between matter and energy in Physics, the science of life in Biology, all brought together with a session in Earth Sciences.

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Go for Grammar! workshops commence at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm. Children attending will need to bring a drink and packed lunch on the day. Parents are invited to attend the 11+ Helping Parents Help Their Children presentation at 2.15pm prior to collecting their children at 3.00pm. The aim of this session for parents is to provide practical advice and guidance relating to the CSSE (The Consortium for Selective Schools in Essex), the 11+ examination process, and life at a selective grammar school.

When making an application, the pupils and parents are welcome to apply to attend more than one of the programmed days, and we shall do our best to accommodate as many of those requests as possible. Should we find that we are unable to accommodate one or more of the requests, for example due to oversubscription, we shall write to parents to notify them of that position. However, we would always endeavour to ensure that the pupil has access to at least one of their chosen days.

Parents should complete the online WCGC application form and this can be found by using the following link: [www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/444/community/wcgc](http://www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/444/community/wcgc).

The WCGC Go for Grammar! Team can be contacted at **wcgc@whsb.essex.sch.uk**.