

SHINE TOGETHER



2024 • FREE COURSES FOR GIRLS & BOYS IN YEARS 5-6



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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 5 and 6 Pupils

We are delighted to announce details of this year's SHiNE Together programme. Withington Girls' School has organised and delivered a successful, community-focused series of Saturday morning workshops since 2007. The WGS SHiNE Together educational programme is aimed at able students in Years 5 and 6 from maintained primary schools in the Greater Manchester area. Our aim is to increase pupils' love of learning, boost self-esteem in the classroom, and provide opportunities for academic growth and development. We are delighted once again to be able to invite Year 5 and 6 girls and boys to Withington on a Saturday morning. All courses in this exciting programme will be delivered by specialist Senior School Teachers.

This year we will be offering courses in **Complete Creativity** (Art, Design Technology and Food & Nutrition), **Computing, Creative Writing, Drama, German, Music** and **Science** (delivered in our purpose-built specialist teaching areas) and more information on each course can be found below.

If you are interested in applying **and able to commit to attending all the dates of the course**, please complete this [online application](#) form **no later than 9.00am on Friday 1st December 2023**. Once your application is submitted, we will contact your child's Headteacher for a reference and confirm the outcome to you prior to the Christmas holidays. If you would like any further information, please email our SHiNE Together Coordinators on shinetogether@wgs.org.

We very much look forward to welcoming you onto our SHiNE Together programme.

With best wishes

MRS SARAH HASLAM Headmistress



Mrs Sarah Haslam
Headmistress



Mrs Jennifer Stockton
SHiNE TOGETHER Coordinator



Mrs Natalie Baguley
SHiNE TOGETHER Coordinator

SHINE TOGETHER *Complete Creativity*

Food and Nutrition: Explore the science of bread-making and make pizzas, understand the importance of eating fruit and vegetables and make dessert topped with fresh fruit.

Design Technology: Learn about computer aided design and manufacture, using dedicated computer software and the latest technology to make your own personalised product.

Art: In the Art Studio you will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of exciting materials that you may not have used before. You will be inspired by contemporary artists before developing your drawing, painting and 3D modelling skills.

**Course runs 10am until 12 noon for five Saturdays:
20th, 27th Jan, 3rd, 24th Feb & 2nd Mar
14 Places available**



SHINE TOGETHER *Computing*

On this course you will use computational thinking to solve problems, design algorithms and write code. You will learn how to create classic video games in Scratch including Space Invaders, Flappy Bird and Super Mario. You will also get creative by designing your own original characters, backgrounds and levels to improve your games. You will not need your own device as all equipment will be provided.

**Course runs 10am until 12 noon for five Saturdays:
20th, 27th Jan, 3rd, 24th Feb & 2nd Mar
22 Places available**



SHINE TOGETHER *Creative Writing*

Are you a budding poet? Do you love to write? These lessons will take you on a journey through colour. You'll be able to name your own paint colour and even become a Disney animator during our sessions! Our adventures over the rainbow will look at concepts like connotation and symbolism and lead to you creating your very own colour poem to share with your friends and family. Join us as we experiment with words and learn to write poetry using a kaleidoscope of colour.



**Course runs 10am until 12 noon for four Saturdays:
27th Jan, 3rd, 24th Feb & 2nd Mar
16 Places available**

SHINE TOGETHER *Drama*

This is a creative workshop where you can explore acting skills in a fun environment. Using improvisation techniques and playful drama games, you will learn about feelings and emotions and how to express them and move between them. We look at different techniques, including stage fighting and movement, and learn how to use physical and visual pictures to portray different landscapes and journeys to tell stories. You will play with scripts, devise your own scenes and allow your imaginations to build entertaining scenes to delight audiences. Come and enjoy a fast-paced, energetic and fun environment that puts the drama into Drama!



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16 Places available**

SHiNE TOGETHER *German*

Did you know that German is the most widely spoken language in Europe after English? Would you like to know more about the language and culture of German speaking countries? German is the language of food and football, science and architecture, chocolate and classical music! With a lot of German words looking similar to English ones, it's easy to start learning German, and pronouncing the words is straightforward and really rewarding, too. On this beginner course you will learn some useful vocabulary and phrases through a variety of games and fun activities to help you start communicating in German.



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16 Places available**

SHiNE TOGETHER *Music*

The music sessions this year are all about exploration and experimentation; using listening, performance and composition skills, you will be taken on a guided tour of a variety of musical genres and cultures, including pop music, musical theatre and other musical styles from around the world. Instruments and equipment will be provided, but if you have an instrument already, do bring it along!



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SHiNE TOGETHER *Science*

For all you budding scientists this is a fantastic course designed to prepare you for practical science lessons in secondary school. You will work in groups and take part in a variety of hands-on activities. Elements of Chemistry and Biology will be covered, and topics will include experimenting with mixtures, neutralisation, carrying out a heart dissection and extracting DNA. If you want to find out more about science, this is the course for you.



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What was said about our online SHiNE TOGETHER courses last year

"She feels more confident to try things and for just being in a group of new faces."

"My child has been keen to share the learning each week. She has been singing to songs, training us in the tongue twisters and playing the language and team drama games with the family!"

"She likes it very much. She has more interest about computing now. She learnt a lot. Moreover she likes WGS most now. She wants to try for admission in year 7."

"We were so grateful for this lovely opportunity for our daughter to experience a really high quality drama class, for free. We really appreciate the time and effort put in by the teachers at Withington Girls School."

"Really enjoyed trying different instruments. Already keen on drumming and now taken up drumming lessons and wants to understand sheet music."

"It was very enjoyable and he loved the murder mystery activities."

"Delighted to meet and interact with completely new faces in a completely new environment on completely new areas of study."

"This is a fantastic initiative providing an opportunity to not only explore and gain confidence in a topic but to meet other children and gain an insight to the high school experience! Staff are incredibly supportive in both organising and delivery of the programme. My son loved computing in year 5 and music in year 6 and has continued to explore his interests in both! Thank you to everyone involved in Shine!"



For more information and to apply visit wgs.org/shinetogether



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