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Dear Colleague

We hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a relaxing Easter break.

It is with great delight that we present you with our [Choosing the right school for your daughter: a guide to navigating the 11+ Admissions Process](#), a JAGS-initiated resource, written in collaboration with a number of GSA School Registrars. Our intention is to guide parents through what can be quite a complex and demanding suite of 11+ entry processes across different schools. Please note that whilst, in our version, we have included photos and images of JAGS and our pupils, the text relates to the admissions process for any UK Independent Girls' school, and the GSA schools we collaborated with are also free to use the resulting text to create their own leaflets. Please do feel free to share the link to this brochure with your Year 4 and 5 parents if you think it may be of interest. Thank you.

Meanwhile, our admissions programme for 11+ entry in September 2026 is now open, with registration closing on 31 October 2025. It will run as it did last year and with our Entrance Examination scheduled prior to the Christmas holidays, on **Friday, 5 December 2025**. Our assessments will consist of the following:

- Welcome Mornings in the Autumn term (with two groups of 24 applicants per morning). These mornings are intended both as an assessment step and as an opportunity for candidates to sample a flavour of JAGS. However, ALL candidates will be invited to take our Entrance Examination; none are excluded subsequent to their attendance at one of these Welcome Mornings. Welcome Mornings will commence one week ahead of the Autumn half-term and will include:
  - One-on-one interviews
  - A creative writing assessment
  - An interactive small-group task
- The ISEB Common Pre-test, which forms the basis of our Entrance Examination:
  - For those junior schools who are able to administer this in their own setting, candidates will sit this at their current school (**any time between the start of November and 8 December 2025**)
  - For those schools who are not able to administer this in their own setting, candidates may select via the ISEB Guardian Portal to sit this at JAGS on **Friday, 5 December**

If you will be hosting the ISEB Common Pre-test at your school, we thank you in advance and ask that you please inform your pupils' parents. The streamlined ISEB process of registering applicants and capturing their results is working very well for us here at JAGS and we hope that you also find it to be a smooth and positive process.

However, if you have previously hosted the ISEB Common Pre-test but will not be doing so this year, can I please ask that you inform ISEB so that they can remove your school from their list of invigilation centers prior to 10 June, when they commence registration for assessments. This will help to avoid confusion, thank you. Additionally, please inform your pupils' parents. Parents can find more information about the ISEB assessment process and details regarding registration [here](#).

Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming your pupils and their parents to JAGS for our various **Open Mornings** this year. Our main Open Morning is on **Saturday 4 October** for families of girls moving into Years 5 & 6 in September and we have two further Open Mornings on **Wednesday 17 September** and **Tuesday 14 October**, designed specifically for families of girls moving into Year 6. Please feel free to distribute our marketing flyer, sent with this letter, to your pupils' parents if you feel it will be of interest to them. Please note that we now annually hold an Open Morning in early Summer, specifically for Year 5 pupils and their parents, and the date will be advertised on our website prior to Christmas.

You will additionally see that we are offering an after-school virtual **Summer Taster** on **Monday 19 May** for those girls currently in Year 5, enabling them to sample a flavour of JAGS. Meanwhile, small group family tours of JAGS for this age group are additionally available throughout the Summer term and are booking up fast. Lastly, we are planning a **Music Taster** on **Thursday 9 October** for potential Music Scholarship applicants, by then in Year 6, to find out more about Music at JAGS. All booking forms are available on our website.

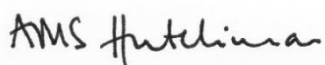
Please note that with the increase in SEND applicants applying for 25% Extra Time, it is worth highlighting that this year we will be strictly abiding by JCQ criteria, i.e. applicants should have:

- two standardised scores of 84 or below; or
- one standardised score of 84 or less and one standardised score of between 85-89

In either scenario, the two standardised scores must relate to two different areas of speed of working. Please bear this in mind when approving Extra Time in classroom tests, thank you.

We very much look forward to working alongside you this coming year to facilitate a smooth and happy admissions process for your pupils who apply to JAGS.

Yours sincerely



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