

# Year 5 Transition Programme for Primary Schools

## Academic Year 2019 – 2020



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# Welcome to Invicta's Year 5 Transition Programme

At Invicta, we value the importance of a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We recognise that it is a big step for students and parents. As such, we aim to provide a wide range of opportunities to enable students to feel at home quickly; to settle into our academic and social environment and to feel part of the Invicta community.

Invicta has an excellent induction programme, which starts in Year 5 and includes a variety of activities ranging from Year 5 Workshops, Open Evenings, Taster Mornings and 11+ Preparation Workshops. The programme continues in to Year 6 with Transition Workshops and a number of New Entrant's Events for students who have been offered a place at Invicta.

This booklet contains information on all the events in our Year 5 Transition Programme for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

We do hope your daughter will attend these events and look forward to welcoming her to Invicta Grammar School.



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## Year 5 Familiarisation Workshops

This year, we will deliver thirty one Year 5 Familiarisation Workshops, **which parents can book directly** via our on-line booking system. These sessions will run from 4.00pm – 5.00pm on Tuesdays and 9.00am – 11am on Saturdays. We will also be holding four All Day Workshops, which will run from 9.30am-2.30pm.

The workshops are aimed at girls in Year 5 and will be run by our experienced subject-specific staff. They are devised to encourage challenging and new learning opportunities whilst having fun in small groups, so that students get used to a secondary school setting. No prior knowledge is required; just an enthusiasm and interest in learning. These workshops would be ideal for girls you might consider for a Grammar School place in September 2021.

Parents should book the Year 5 Familiarisation Workshops via our website [www.invicta.viat.org.uk](http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk). We do hope that you will join us in encouraging new learning and new experiences for your girls.

Saturday, 21 September 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 1	Drama	Lights! Camera! Action!
Tuesday, 24 September 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 2	Languages	European Day of Languages: Students will explore different languages/cultures across Europe.
Saturday, 5 October 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 3	Mathematics	Mathematical Challenge: A variety of exciting Maths challenges and problem solving activities, including Tangrams, Rubik's cubes and building towers of cards!
Tuesday, 8 October 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 4	PE	Invicta Warriors: Test your resilience and your motivation to complete a series of fitness challenges in this high impact workout. You will need to bring grit, determination and lots of water!
Tuesday, 15 October 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 5	English	The Haunted House: Show off your descriptive writing skills by creating the most frightening description of a haunted house.
Saturday, 9 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 6	Chemistry	Fireworks: A colourful look at the science behind fireworks.
Tuesday, 12 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 7	Drama	Thinking on your Feet: Girls will work on their confidence and quick thinking skills in this exciting drama lesson with the added use of props.
Saturday, 16 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 8	Physics	A Festival of Light: Come and celebrate colour and light by creating marvellous displays of colour with LED light.
Tuesday, 19 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 9	Business	Can we live in a world without plastic? Designing and marketing a bag for life to promote environmentally friendly living.
Tuesday, 26 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 10	Mathematics	Mathematical Relay: A mathematical relay race where girls work in teams to apply their mathematics knowledge to solve a number of different problems.

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Saturday, 30 November 2019	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 11	DT (Textiles)	Christmas Creativity: Girls will produce a range of Christmas themed products using creative Textile skills.
Tuesday, 14 January 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 12	Computer Science	Secrets and Keys: You have been given a locked box. Can you solve the clues and puzzles and find the key to unlock the box?
Saturday, 18 January 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 13	English	Autobiographical Writing: Come and join us in celebrating 'Winnie the Pooh' day by considering who the real Winnie the Pooh might have been and have a go at creating your own alternative versions of the people you know!
Tuesday, 21 January 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 14	Dance	The Jive: Come and learn the fun and fast-paced Modern Jive Dance. A combination of Lindy Hop, Swing and Rock and Roll with an explosion of energy.
Tuesday, 27 January 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 15	Music	Melody Workshop: Students will learn some of the great songs of the Twentieth Century.
Saturday, 8 February 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 16	Dance	Alice in Wonderland: Come and explore the tale of Alice's journey in Wonderland through learning and creating dances. Your performance will show each of the different characters and magic Alice experiences along the way.
Tuesday, 11 February 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 17	History	Living through World War Two: a study of how people coped with the challenges of World War Two.
Saturday, 29 February 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 18	Food Technology	Springtime Bakes: Girls will have fun making hot currant buns to take home in a box they will design and decorate during the workshop.
Tuesday, 3 March 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 19	Computer Science	Meet the micro:bit: bits and blocks: Physical Computing with the BBC micro:bit. Can you create a program to control a pocket-sized computer?
Tuesday, 10 March 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 20	Geography	The Cookie Mining Challenge: Investigate the advantages and disadvantages of mining using chocolate chip cookies.
Saturday, 14 March 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 21	Film Studies	Director's cut: Learn about the techniques filmmakers use when producing their own creations. An analytical exploration into the film industry.
Tuesday, 17 March 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 22	Chemistry	Magical Potions: Girls will work in the laboratory to make 'potions' and test their properties. Snape may make an appearance at some point!
Tuesday, 31 March 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 23	Business	Easter Marketing Challenge: How to successfully market easter eggs! Using the 'Marketing Mix', this session considers what makes a successful product. Girls will design a brand new easter egg for the market.
Tuesday, 21 April 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 24	Classical Civilisation	Myth Makers: Explore fascinating myths and legends from around the world and learn more about your favourite Mythological heroes.
Saturday, 25 April 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 25	Art	Springtime Creativity: Girls will produce 3D kinetic mixed-media decorations inspired by the work of Alex Calder.

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Tuesday, 5 May 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 26	Geography	An exploration of the grounds of invicta Grammar School . Fieldwork techniques used to help decide where the best place would be to have lunch.
Tuesday, 12 May 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 27	Business	The Ice Lolly Challenge: Working in small teams, your challenge is to design a brand new ice lolly! Who's business idea will win over the Dragons?
Saturday, 16 May 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 28	PE	Mini Olympics: Girls will work in small groups to compete in various athletic events such as javelin, long jump and running. The top 3 girls will be award with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
Tuesday, 2 June 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 29	English	World Building: Get your creative juices flowing by creating your own dystopian society.
Saturday, 6 June 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 30	Biology	Going for Gold: Girls will investigate what happens when humans and then yeast cells need to release energy. This will be a practical session in the laboratory.
Tuesday, 16 June 2020	Year 5 Familiarisation Workshop 31	First Aid	A First Aid Taster course provided by an accredited first aid trainer. Girls will learn about communication and casualty care, primary survey and the recovery position.

### All Day Workshops (9.30am-2.30pm)

Monday, 20 January 2020	Science	The Mad Professor: Discover your inner Mad Professor, through partaking in a variety of different experiments and activities.
Friday, 3 April 2020	Science	Science Exploration: Immerse yourself in the exciting, fantastic and ever-changing world of Science.
Monday, 18 May 2020	DT	Supersonic Engineering: A STEM based workshop inspired by the Bloodhound SSC Supersonic Car. Girls will design and engineer their own balloon powered cars considering all areas of STEM and finish the day with head to head racing.
Friday, 12 June 2020	DT	The Patchwork Garden: An Art and Textiles based session inspired by Henry Matisse's Garden art work. Girls will experiment with collage, print making and patchwork using decorative stitching techniques.

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# 11+ Preparation Workshops

As well as holding our popular English and Mathematics Preparation Workshops in June/July 2020 for Year 5 girls, we will also be running a series of 11+ Familiarisation skill-building workshops. These workshops can be booked by parents via our online booking system accessed from the front page of our website: [www.invicta.viat.org.uk](http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk). Priority will be given to girls eligible for Pupil Premium funding; please contact Miss Jones directly ([m.jones@invicta.viat.org.uk](mailto:m.jones@invicta.viat.org.uk)) for Pupil Premium bookings. Please note that four of the 11+ Familiarisation Workshops (Saturday mornings) will be running at the same time as four of our Year 5 Familiarisation Workshops. Therefore, girls can only book on to one or the other.

Date	Title	Time
Saturday, 9 November 2019	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	9am – 11am
Saturday, 30 November 2019	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	9am – 11am
Saturday, 18 January 2020	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	9am – 11am
Saturday, 8 February 2020	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	9am – 11am
Tuesday, 3 March 2020	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday, 31 March 2020	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday, 12 May 2020	11+ Familiarisation Workshop	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday, 25 June 2020	Year 5 English 11+ Preparation Workshop	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday, 30 June 2020	Year 5 Maths 11+ Preparation Workshop	4.00pm – 5.00pm

**To be booked by parents.**

# Primary Creativity Group

We are now recruiting members to join our Primary Creativity Group, and would like to invite girls who are in Years 4 and 5 to experience and be a part of this. Girls will be able to explore elements of Design Technology, using all our facilities to design, create and make a selection of products that will enable them to see what learning creatively in a secondary school is like!

The Creativity Group will run on Friday afternoons (please see below for dates), with sessions including Art, DT and Food Technology! Should girls wish to participate, please be mindful that they will be making a commitment to the group for a four-week period. There will be six four-week sessions in total over the academic year. Please be aware that Rotations 1 and 2 will contain the same content, as will Rotations 3 and 4, and Rotations 5 and 6. Therefore, your daughter should only attend one rotation in each of these pairings (so she can attend a maximum of three different rotations!). When booking online, only the first date of each four-week session will appear.

The Primary Creativity Group can be booked by parents via our online booking system accessed from the front page of our website: [www.invicta.viat.org.uk](http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk). Places are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis. We do understand that there may be instances where your daughter cannot make a session, and will do our best to accommodate these.

## Rotation 1

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 8 November 2019	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 15 November 2019	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 22 November 2019	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 29 November 2019	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

## Rotation 2

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 10 January 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 17 January 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 24 January 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 31 January 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

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### Rotation 3

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 7 February 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 14 February 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 28 February 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 6 March 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

### Rotation 4

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 13 March 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 20 March 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 27 March 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 3 April 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

### Rotation 5

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 24 April 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 1 May 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 8 May 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 15 May 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

### Rotation 6

Date	Title	Time
Friday, 5 June 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 12 June 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 19 June 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 26 June 2020	Primary Creativity Group	4.00pm – 5.00pm

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## Other Primary Events

Please contact us if you would like more information on the events listed below:

Date	Event	Time	Comment
Tuesday, 31 March 2020	International Cultural Festival	11.30am-1.00pm	By invitation to Primary Schools.
Monday, 13 July 2020	Primary Performance of our annual musical theatre production	9.00am – Noon	By invitation to Primary Schools.

### Invitation to Afternoon Tea for Head Teachers and Year 6 Teachers

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us on **Tuesday, 8 October 2019** between 2.00pm and 4.30pm, where you will be able to meet the girls who joined us from your school this September. We would be happy to arrange a tour for you and members of your staff who worked with the girls. A letter will be sent inviting you to the event. The girls love to see their primary school teachers and show them their new school and it is a great opportunity for us to meet you and for you to find out about us too.



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## 11+ and Year 5 Open Events

We will hold a number of 11+ and Year 5 Events to allow parents and girls to visit Invicta, meet staff and girls and tour the school. All events, with the exception of the 11+ Open Evening can be booked by parents via our online booking system accessed from the front page of our website: [www.invicta.viat.org.uk](http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk).

Date	Event	Time	Comments
Thursday, 3 October 2019	11+ Open Evening	6.00 - 9.00pm	Please book. Tours available.
Thursday, 17 October 2019	11+ Open Morning	9.00 - 10.30am	Please book. Tours available.
Monday, 18 May 2020	Year 5 Open Evening	6.00 - 8.00pm	Please book.
Saturday, 20 June 2020	Year 5 Experience Day	8.30 - 1.00pm	Girls experience lessons.
Tuesday, 25 June 2020	11+ Open Morning	9.00 -10.30am	Please book. Tours available.
Tuesday, 30 June 2020	11+ Open Afternoon	2.15 - 3.30pm	Please book. Tours available.

