Selly Park Technology College for Girls

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Selly Park Technology College for Girls is a comprehensive school situated about 4 km south west of the city centre. The school caters for girls from 11 to 16 years of age and there are currently 750 girls on roll. Girls travel from many parts of the city to Selly Park.

In recent years the school has been very successful and girls in their final year have achieved outstanding examination results. Over the last few years, the school has been one of the most successful in the England and Wales based upon the improvements made in its examination results. Consequently the school is very popular and for several years the number of girls wishing to join the school has been on the increase. The school's success is due to the hard work of the girls and a high quality of teaching throughout the school.

The curriculum at Selly Park is based upon the National Curriculum which is followed in all schools in England and Wales. In their first three years in the Lower School, all the girls study the same subjects and these include, English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Information and Communication (ICT), Technology, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages (French, Spanish and Russian), Religious Education, Music, Art, Drama, Health Education and Physical Education (which includes swimming). During their final two years in the Upper School, girls are able to choose the subjects that they wish to study. All girls study English, Mathematics, Science, Technology (Food Technology, Textiles or Resistant Materials), ICT and one Modern Foreign Language. Girls are able to select subjects from those taken in the Lower School together with

Community Languages like Urdu. In addition to the General Certificate of Education courses, the school also offers General National Vocational Courses in ICT, Manufacturing, Food Technology and Health and Social Care. When they leave Selly Park, many girls decide to continue their education at Sixth Form colleges in the city where they can take examinations that will allow them to go to university.

In addition to the academic subjects, younger girls follow a 'Skills for Life' course. Older students follow a programme of study that incorporates Records of Achievement, Careers Education and Guidance, Study Skills and Revision techniques. Girls aged 14-15 spend two weeks out of school in Work Experience placements throughout the city. This time is designed to give the girls an insight into life in the work place. In order to widen the horizons of the girls, each year the school in partnership with Swanshurst Girls School takes part in the 'Visible Women' programme. High achieving women visit the schools to share their experiences with the girls and to encourage them to set goals and work towards achieving them.

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