



# Pupil Premium Grammar School Support Programme

Supporting disadvantaged pupils with preparing  
for 11+ exams and Key Stage 2 learning

# The programme

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## Narrowing the educational divide with learning and exam preparation support for disadvantaged pupils

**Plymouth High School for Girls is open to pupils from all backgrounds, and we're proud of our meritocratic environment.**

To encourage even greater representation of children at Plymouth High School for Girls, we've partnered with [Atom Learning](#), the leading online 11+ preparation and Key Stage 2 learning platform, to provide children who are eligible for pupil premium (both boys and girls) with a free programme of online learning and 11+ preparation materials.

This programme is designed to help children consolidate and master Key Stage 2 learning objectives and familiarise them with the topics they may see on their 11+ exam. Our goal is to ensure that every applicant, regardless of their background, goes into their 11+ exam feeling confident and able to show their full potential.

All children who are eligible for pupil premium will be given free access to Atom Home (normally £575.90 a year).



## Why have we set this programme up?

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Despite encouragement from both primary and secondary schools to parents that the best method of entrance test preparation is mastery of the national curriculum, we recognise that the most common method of preparing for the 11+ is still intensive coaching and private tuition.

This environment ends up providing some children with a comparative advantage, and ultimately widens the educational divide.

When it comes to the 11+, we know that not everyone has the same access to additional support at home. Our goal is to combat this by providing families who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford them with high-quality, reputable test preparation materials.

Both Atom Learning and Plymouth High School for Girls advocate for a child-centric approach to learning and revision. Atom Learning is built around the national curriculum with added resources for reasoning, and is designed to encourage regular, short, focused learning, with the belief that this is the best route for test preparation and long-term success at secondary school.



# What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation website for ages 7-11. It is built around national curriculum frameworks, with additional material for reasoning.

Atom Home gives children access to:

- 11+ practice questions across English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning
- Learning resources and video tutorials
- Engaging, interactive learning challenges and puzzles
- Exam practice and mock tests

Atom Home is designed to build children's confidence with Key Stage 2 learning objectives and, where relevant, improve exam technique by familiarising them with the style of questions in grammar school entrance tests.

It is an engaging, child-centric learning platform, aimed at increasing engagement and motivation with learning.



## How do students access the support?

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We have designed this process to be as simple as possible for families and schools to reduce barriers to access:

1. Parents and carers whose Year 4 & 5 children are eligible for pupil premium fill in a form on the Plymouth High School for Girls website: <https://www.phsg.org/page/?title=Admissions&pid=229>
2. Their primary school will receive an email from Atom Learning asking the school to verify the child's eligibility for pupil premium.
3. Once verified, Atom Learning will set the Atom Home account up for each child, and share login information with the parent via email.

### **Flo Simpson, Chief Operating Officer at Atom Learning:**

“At Atom, our mission is to make exceptional education accessible to all and we are truly excited to partner with Plymouth High School for Girls. This partnership will bring our learning content and technology to even more families. We firmly believe that our platform empowers children to not only excel in their exams, but also to build lasting confidence and pave their path to success throughout Key Stage 3 and beyond.”

## Contact

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