



# Touch-Typing Course

## After-School Club for Form V and Form VI

### Spring Term 2017

As many parents know we have been hoping to introduce a Touch-Typing course at St Hilda's.

We are now pleased to confirm that, as from next January, a new course will run after school on Mondays. We anticipate that the places will fill quickly so parents are advised to register their interest as soon as possible.

Overseen by Mrs Abbott-Drake, the course will be run for us by Dr Sarah Butler from TypeRight.



Pupils are tutored as they follow an on-screen interactive software programme before progressing to exercises that will facilitate their being able to use a computer efficiently with quick, accurate typing.

Touch-typing is typing without using the sense of sight to find the keys. A touch-typist will know their location on the keyboard through trained muscle-memory. Today's children are growing up in a technology-led world and it is realistic to assume that computers will play a significant role in both their personal and working lives. Being able to touch-type gives a person all the benefits associated with the skill and as touch-typing is a skill-for-life, once learned it gives students a measurable advantage as they progress through their years of education, university and into the world of work. It is recognised as a particularly beneficial skill for pupils with Dyslexia and other related learning conditions.

The Course will run for from 4pm to 5pm after school once a week, on a Monday, in the School's Computing Room. In order to realise the full benefit of the course, children will need to practice at home several times a week in between classes. See [www.typeright.org.uk](http://www.typeright.org.uk) for more details. This is a commitment so please bear this in mind when deciding to sign up.



There will be a maximum of 10 places and we anticipate a high level of interest so places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

The course includes the home version software licence for the programme that can be loaded onto as many as three devices to facilitate practice at home in between the tutored sessions.

Parents wishing to express their interest and receive further detailed information, should register today with Sarah at [sarah@typeright.org.uk](mailto:sarah@typeright.org.uk)