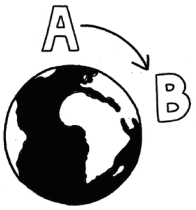
FAQs for girls in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



Will guiding still be fun, or is it going to be more like school?
It will still be lots of fun! The new programme will be full of amazing experiences and adventures, and it will make it easier for you to stay with us from Rainbows right up to The Senior Section.

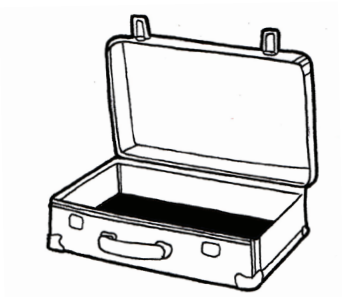
What's the new programme about?
It will follow six core themes or subject areas:
- **Know myself:** all about getting to know who you are, and your role in Girlguiding and the wider world.
- **Express myself:** showing off and sharing your creativity with others.
- **Be well:** helping you look after your own and others' physical and mental well-being.
- **Have adventures:** exploring the outdoors and nature.
- **Take action:** using your voice to help your local community and the wider world.
- **Skills for my future:** giving you all the right building blocks for you to become independent and successful in life.

Will I still be able to earn badges?
Of course! There will be lots of badges for you to work towards, and the same fun activities for you to enjoy every week with your friends:
- **Unit activities:** these are the things you enjoy each week in your unit meetings, either in small groups or with the whole pack. The activities will now be part of the six themes above.
- **Skills-builder badges:** badges you can earn while having fun in your unit activities. There will be six different stages within each one, so you can start wherever your current level is.
- **Interest badges:** badges you work towards on your own, choosing the things you're most interested in.
- **Anniversary badges**: there will be new anniversary badges to celebrate each year and everything you learn by being part of Girlguiding.
- **Activity theme awards and end of section awards:** there will also be special new awards that celebrate your achievement within your section and the six themes. You can choose whether you want to work towards them or not.

Does what I've already done still count?
Absolutely – you should be really proud of everything you've achieved so far. You'll still be able to follow the current programme and earn the same badges for a while yet.

Will Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and The Senior Section change?
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are staying the same, but The Senior Section is changing. There will be a new name and a new look for girls aged 14 to 18, and they'll do more exciting activities that reflect what they're interested in doing today.

Will we still have our Leaders?
Yes – you'll still have your unit Leaders and Young Leaders.

Can boys join now?
When we asked girls like you what they'd like, they told us they wanted Girlguiding to still be just for girls. So no boys allowed!

Why is it taking so long to change?
Three years seems like a long time, but we want to make sure we get it just right, so we'll be asking for your help in trying everything out. Your Leaders will be able to keep you up to date with what's happening when.