



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE – FAQs

How will these new buildings benefit my daughter on a day to day basis? Will this new development enable FHS to offer an expanded and/or enhanced curriculum?

Yes. The Centre for Creative Learning (CCL) will enable us to develop creative writing and thinking (it will become the home of Freedom to Think, the workshops run by Jonathan Stroud) and provide a venue for authors, inventors, illustrators, actors and speakers. Junior pupils will particularly benefit from an inspiring space which will develop their imagination, creativity, communication and collaboration. The small performance space will enable their own dramatic or debating performances.

The new ICT suite on the second floor of the Early Years & Studio Extension will provide vital space for the extension of our Digital Technology menu – robotics, coding, web design and app building – as well as the extension (following its enthusiastic take-up at GCSE) of our Computing curriculum to A level.

This will free the present ICT room for the Art department which will develop further Textiles, Photography and Graphic Communication, and create a cohesive, exciting area for visual arts.

The Performing Arts Studio on the first floor of the Early Years & Studio Extension will support the extension of our Drama curriculum from GCSE into A level. We have just had a petition from Year 7 pupils asking if they can form a Dance Squad as their Dance Club is so successful. Already renowned for our ballet, we can offer a broader dance menu, all in keeping with our emphasis on creative expression.

Which current subjects will specifically benefit from these new teaching facilities? Will they just be “creative”, arts-based subjects?

Removing the library from the Morison building will facilitate the extension of the Sixth Form Centre, the Centre for Creative Enterprise (CCE) which will offer more digital resources and study areas, breakout space for collaborative learning and, crucially, an entrance from Ebury Street which will provide a link to Grosvenor Estate’s ‘international centre of design and innovation’.

The CCE will focus on enterprise, the development of entrepreneurial skills and independent research (eg. for the Extended Project Qualification). Thus it will have both intellectual and a creative dimensions.

Will you be able to expand the library provision once this has moved to the CCL?

The library area will not be larger, but will be better laid out, with a dedicated space for junior pupils and separate quiet working area for all pupils across the School.



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When will the construction start and finish?

We are currently hoping to start Part 1 (Centre for Creative Learning & Early Years Extension) this summer 2017 and Part 2 (the 2 storey Studio Extension and the Centre for Creative Enterprise) in spring/summer 2018 when the library has been moved to the Centre for Creative Learning. We intend to finish the Early Years Extension by September 2017 and the Centre for Creative Learning should be open by spring 2018. We hope to finish the Centre for Creative Enterprise and the 2 storey Studio Extension by September 2018.

What provisions will the School be making to ensure the pupils are not inconvenienced or disturbed in their daily studies? What on or off site contingency plan do you have for girls taking examinations?

We will aim to ensure that there is minimal disruption to the girls, especially during exams. Much of the noisy work will occur during holidays and if necessary, works will cease during sensitive periods of exams. At this stage we do not believe that alternative accommodation will be necessary, but will work with our chosen contractors in due course to determine appropriate contingency arrangements.

How will you vet building contractors and ensure the safety of our children on site?

We will ensure that all contractors are suitably qualified and that working areas are properly secured during periods when children are on site.

Will you give us regular updates on the progress of the works? How do you propose to communicate this?

Yes, we will keep parents fully informed, principally by email.

Do you have the support of the Grosvenor Estate and local residents? How will you handle any complaints?

Yes we have Grosvenor support and we have had two consultations with residents so far, with no insuperable objections raised.



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How much will this building project cost? Can you give us a breakdown?

The total project cost is currently estimated to be £4.5m. We are looking at this in two parts. Part 1 is the Centre for Creative Learning (including the rooftop garden) and the Early Years Extension, which will cost £2.7m. Part 2 comprises the expansion of the Morison building to form the Centre for Creative Enterprise, the addition of two rooms adjacent to the gym (the performing arts studio and the ICT suite) and the small extension on the junior school roof. These will cost £1.8m.

How much do you need to raise to start the project and what is the planned timetable of events?

Our fundraising target is £2m. If we achieve this, we hope to be able to complete the project in line with our current timetable i.e. by autumn 2018. Otherwise Part 2 may be delayed by a further year or two.

Will the School Trust be borrowing against the cost of these refurbishments?

The Trust aims to complete these projects without the need for any borrowings, so as to retain maximum flexibility in the event of any future unforeseen needs.

As a current parent don't I contribute enough through the annual fees? Why do you have to fundraise?

We don't want anyone to feel they have to contribute more than they feel comfortable with. The fact is that, in common with most girls' schools, we are not blessed with significant financial endowments. All the money we raise in fees goes back into the school to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education for our girls. This project will provide a crucial contribution to that objective. If we can reach or beat our fundraising target of £2m that means we can realise this project earlier than we would be able to do on our own.

I left Francis Holland years ago. Why should I support the campaign?

We hope that your time at Francis Holland made a huge difference for good in your life. We hope you can see what difference a Francis Holland education will continue to give to future generations. And we hope that you will strongly support our vision and support our campaign however you can, so that many more girls can enjoy the same benefits.



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My daughter will only be here for 2 more years. Why should I contribute?

We hope that your daughter's time at Francis Holland will have been a wonderful preparation for her future life. We hope that you will strongly support our vision and support our campaign however you can, so that many more girls can enjoy the same benefits.

What will the School be doing to support this campaign? Will you be holding any specific events?

At Prize Giving this year we launched our Year of Creativity. Our staff have also welcomed the challenge to infuse creativity into every aspect of the curriculum and across all subjects which we hope will really make a difference to our girls' day to day learning. We host a creative panel discussion, "Freedom to Think" on Tuesday 21st February which we hope will entertain and motivate both girls and their families in equal measure. Please also mark your diaries for the FHS Gala Dinner and Auction at the Berkeley Hotel on 11th May 2017 where we hope to raise significant funds (at least £200,000) for both our building campaign and the FHS Sloane Square Bursary Fund. We do hope you will join us at these events.

These plans sound wonderful but does this mean the School is going to get bigger?

These plans will provide enhanced facilities for our current pupil roll and will accommodate the expected small increase in the Sixth form over the next few years.

I am not a UK tax payer. Am I able to make a tax deductible gift?

If you pay tax in the **USA** you will be able to take advantage of the facility the Development Office have set up with the British Schools & Universities Foundation in New York. As FHS is a recognised member of the foundation this enables donations to be made tax efficiently to BSUF which is a 501 C (3) charitable organisation that is recognised by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

If you pay tax in **Italy, France** or **Spain** we also have relationships with CAF which can enable tax efficient donations from these countries. We are awaiting news from Germany, Switzerland and Holland. Please get in touch for more information.

If I make a donation will there be any opportunities for recognition?

Yes! We'd love to offer recognition opportunities to as many donors as possible. Please contact Louise Richmond in the Development Office for more details.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with Louise Richmond in the Development Office at development@fhst.org.uk or on **020 7824 5022**.