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ENJOYMENT AND EXCELLENCE
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Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, educates girls from 4 to 18, offering a vibrant yet supportive environment where girls flourish both academically and personally. Founded in 1881 by the Reverend Francis Holland, the school maintains traditional values with a contemporary outlook, recognising the opportunities that girls have growing up in London today.

Our origins as a Church of England foundation give the school an important moral framework but girls from all faiths are most welcome.



WELCOME

What makes a good school? The answer is the holy grail of headteachers and parents alike. My experience in different types of school throughout the United Kingdom, and of teaching pupils from three through to eighteen, has given me a clear sense of what makes an outstanding education: inspiring leadership; skilled and passionate teaching; excitement and curiosity about learning; clear spiritual and moral values; a sense of purpose and joy; intellectual, creative and personal challenge; an emphasis on compassion and service.

As in a family, so in a school. Children flourish when they feel secure yet challenged; boredom is the enemy of achievement, not time. At Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, I am proud of our exceptionally committed and motivated staff who have created an environment where girls see possibilities not problems, where they know that individuals are valued, and where they seek to attain the highest goals whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on the debating floor, in social or economic enterprise, or in creative performance. Most of all, though, they achieve this without being pressurised or hot-housed. Ours is not an examination factory. We provide opportunities for the girls to develop courage, emotional resilience and a strong sense of self-worth. We seek to instil a love of learning through our own enthusiasm for discovering more of this vibrant, complex world around us. Here in the centre of one of the most exciting cities in the world, your daughter can prepare for the adventure of adult life and enjoy unrivalled cultural opportunities in a safe, caring and inspiring community.



Lucy Elphinstone
Headmistress





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

FHS is a community with an outstanding academic track record.

Expectations are high and results are achieved through a challenging academic curriculum provided by our specialist staff. Teachers always make time for girls, encouraging an enthusiasm for learning, intellectual curiosity and creativity.





HIGH PERFORMANCE

Motivated staff give individual attention.

Small teaching groups and a healthy mix of experienced and younger staff offer dynamic teaching which enables girls to fulfil their academic potential. Relationships between staff and pupils are unique, founded on mutual respect and an enjoyment of being at FHS.





INDIVIDUAL EXPRESSION

We believe passionately in the potential of the individual.

We know that every girl has a talent which we will find and nurture, and our aim is to provide the ideal environment in which she can flourish. We don't look for girls to fit the FHS mould; we look for girls with the potential to succeed.



CARE AND COURTESY

The warmth and friendliness of staff and pupils are self-evident.

Girls achieve and thrive in the happy and relaxed environment. Staff genuinely know and care about the pupils. The size of the school enables girls to enjoy mixing with older and younger year groups.





SPORTING EXCELLENCE

An active lifestyle is a cornerstone of the FHS educational experience.

Whether girls are highly competitive or just keen to participate, the size of the school provides a wealth of opportunities for girls to develop their sporting talents and represent FHS as part of a team or as an individual.

We have a well-equipped gymnasium and netball / tennis court on site and use some of the best off-site facilities just moments away.



PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC

State of the art facilities ensure the highest standard of music.

Carmel Hall, our specialist performing arts centre, offers a stunning double-height performance space for concerts and includes ten high specification Music Practice Rooms for use by girls throughout the school. Music teaching is complemented by our suite of Apple Mac computers for composition at GCSE and A level.







PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA

Every girl can enjoy participating in drama productions and play competitions.

Our specialist performing arts centre provides a truly inspirational space in which to practise and perform. The many drama productions are enhanced by cutting-edge sound and lighting equipment which is particularly beneficial to those studying at GCSE and A level.

CREATIVE ARTS

Girls are encouraged to explore their creative talent.

Every year a number of girls go on to study Foundation Art Courses when they leave. The standard of work is exceptionally high and girls often enjoy developing their creative skills alongside their academic pursuits.





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Variety is the key to co-curricular activities.

Some clubs specifically enhance the academic curriculum, such as Debating, whereas some activities are just for pure enjoyment, such as Animal Club and Horse Riding Club. Ballet is a particular strength of the school but at FHS there is something for everyone.





Year 10-13 Geography Tour to Colorado



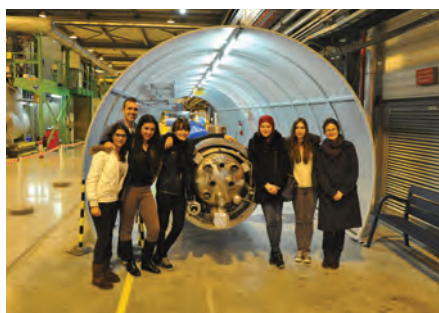
Middle School Choir Tour to Amsterdam



Year 7 Team Building in Battersea Park



Year 7 Legoland Trip



Sixth Form Physics Trip to Geneva



Sixth Form Art Trip to Nice



Year 9-10 Sports Tour to Malta



Year 9 Geography Trip to the Natural History Museum



Year 9 Exploration Society Trip



Year 6 in Cornwall



Sixth Form History of Art Trip to Rome



Year 9 German Trip to Cologne

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM TRIPS

Frequent and far reaching.

We take full advantage of our central London location by making frequent trips to art galleries and museums. Other trips which take the girls further afield, include Choir Tours to European cities such as Amsterdam, Seville, Paris and Prague, art and language enhancement trips to Barcelona, Rome, Venice and Nice and a Geography tour to the United States, to name but a few.



Year 8 Geography Field Trip to the City of London



Year 2 Trip to the Ragged School Museum



Year 9-10 Sports Tour to Malta



Year 10 History Trip to the Somme



Year 6 in Cornwall



Year 10-13 Geography Tour to Colorado



Sixth Form Psychology Trip



Sixth Form Induction Day



Year 5 at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park



Ski Trip to Les Menuires, France



Year 10 Trip to the WWI Battlefields



Year 2 Trip to the London Fire Brigade Museum



Year 10-11 Careers Trip to IBM



LIFE AFTER FHS

Preparing girls for the global marketplace.

In today's world we cannot escape the importance of academic success, so great emphasis is placed on offering guidance and support in making the right university and career choices. FHS is a strong community that allows girls to develop their own personality and enter the world with confidence and a strong network of lifelong friendships made at FHS.

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