# Chelsea opening Francis Holland Preparatory School opens in Chelsea from September 2024. Known as Francis Holland Prep, the new school will inhabit an impressive and spacious Victorian Grade II listed building that includes the old Chelsea Library. Facilities include a school hall with staging, a specialist STEAM facility and an extensive

outdoor play area.

#### SCIENCE ADDITION

Plant biologist Professor Sarah Gurr returned to The King's School, Canterbury, where she was a pupil in the 1970s, to open its Rausing Science Centre. This adds six state-of-the-art labs and a science auditorium, to be used by pupils and to host community science events.



#### Positive lesson

St John's College School, Cambridge Year 8 students were asked: "How do you view stressful situations - as a challenge or a threat?" by sports psychologist Helen Davis. Her inspirational 'Think Believe Perform' talk centred on building self-awareness and other tactics of positive and effective thinkers, both in sports and in other areas of life.



#### **EARTH TO** NO.10

Children from Manchester, Wales and London celebrated Earth Day at 10 Downing Street, enjoying sessions led by ZSL (Zoological Society of London). Lessons at 10 is an initiative set up by the PM's wife Akshata Murty. Children honed their bug ID skills in the gardens and joined workshops about UK wildlife conservation and ZSL's work overseas.



# Co-ed shift

Moulsford Prep in Oxfordshire is making a full shift to co-education and will welcome girls into year 3 in 2026. Its pre-school is already co-ed. Chair of Governors Edward Boddington says: "Societal changes form the background to this decision, with families, including many Moulsford families, increasingly seeking to educate their children together and in a co-educational environment".



### MIDDLE WAY

Bromley High School GDST has introduced a Middle School phase for Year 5-8 to support the primary to secondary transition. This is designed to counteract the decreased self-esteem often experienced by girls moving to senior level. Its new personalised approach aims to alleviate anxiety and give every pupil a clear flight path for learning and personal development.



## Deep dive

As part of its Futures Programme, Windlesham House Prep hosted Royal Navy Divers from Delta Diving Unit 2. They detailed their work defusing explosive devices and clearing sea mines, as well as special ops work. Pupils had the opportunity to try out specialist diving kit, robotics equipment and a drone.