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CREATIVITY | INNOVATION | ENTERPRISE

Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, educates girls from 11 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.



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## WELCOME

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Welcome to Francis Holland, Sloane Square! All headteachers call their schools 'special' but it is the case that in all my professional experience in eight schools I have never known such a happy and inspiring environment. Nowhere have I seen more dedicated and skilled teaching, nor such commitment and initiative in providing creative and challenging learning for girls. We combine the best of the traditional – clear spiritual and moral values, an emphasis on character, compassion and service – with an innovative and forward-looking vision for preparing young women for this rapidly-changing technological world. Infused with passion, purpose and a sense of joy, ours is a School where children flourish, achieving far more than they could ever have imagined.

Curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving lie at the heart of our approach to learning. With around sixty clubs, activities and societies to choose from, our pupils can develop new interests, discover unexpected talents and feel valued – not for their examination results, though these are outstanding – but simply for who they are, with all their unique and exciting gifts and personalities. We know that one of the greatest challenges for girls is to overcome their fear of failure. Perfectionism and the 'curse of the good girl' can prevent them from taking risks, rising to challenges and 'having a go'. Performance anxiety coupled with all the pressures of social media can rob girls of the opportunity to enjoy new opportunities and achieve high goals. We therefore help them develop courage, emotional resilience and a strong sense of self-worth. We create an environment where mistakes or failure are merely 'work in progress' and essential to the journey towards maturity and confidence. 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.

*Alexandra Haydon*

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Head





## 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.



## 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.







## PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC

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

Carmel Hall Studio Theatre, 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. Musical talent is nurtured by our inspirational in-house recording studio and specialist composition software 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.





## 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 Sailing Club and Horse Riding Club. Ballet is a particular strength of the school but at FHS there is something for everyone.







Ski Trip to Morzine



South Africa Netball Tour



Year 12 Maths Trip to Florence



Physics Trip to NASA, Houston, Texas



Sixth Form Surf and Yoga Trip to Fuerteventura



Year 11-13 CERN Trip



A Level Geography Trip to Barcelona



Lower School Choir Tour to Tuscany



Year 10 Geography Trip to Iceland

## 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 Venice and Athens; art and language enhancement trips to Florence and Paris; Sports Tours to South Africa and Barcelona; a geography tour to Iceland; a maths trip to China and a school exchange to New York to name but a few.



Year 9 Expedition Week



A Level Politics Trip to Brussels



Year 7 Trip to Battle Abbey



Creative Writing Trip to The Hurst



Year 10 Trip to Slapton Ley



Year 8 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor



Year 10 Expedition to Morzine



Trip to Mvumi School, Tanzania



Year 12 Biology Trip to Juniper Hall



Year 12 History of Art Trip to Masterpiece Art Fair



Year 8 Expedition Week



Year 7 Biology Trip to Port Lympne Safari Park



Year 7 Expedition Week



Sports Tour to Barbados



Ski Trip to Les Menuires



GCSE Spanish Trip to Seville



Year 12 French and Physics Trip to Paris



Year 10-13 Geography Tour to Colorado





## 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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