

# HEAD OF SCHOOL



## GABRIELLA GORDON, FRANCIS HOLLAND, LONDON

Gabriella Gordon, 17, is the head girl of the Sloane Square branch of Francis Holland, an independent girls' day school with 600 pupils, aged four to 18. Gabriella was photographed in their new library, created last year as part of an ambitious building project that also includes a GCSE building and a new sixth-form centre. Apart from her head girl duties, which involve looking after the younger girls, liaising between pupils and teaching staff, being a school ambassador on all open days and overseeing the Green Council – which is currently battling to reduce food wastage – Gabbi is a music scholar and plays in various school orchestras, as well as appearing on stage frequently, as becomes the drama prefect. Gabbi is taking A-levels in English Literature and Psychology, hoping to study the latter at Cambridge, Durham or Exeter. Maybe a clue as to her interests lie in the title of her recently completed EPQ, 'To what extent did Woodstock empower the hippy movement?'

Gabbi, who has two siblings – a sister who is in year seven at Francis Holland and a brother in year eight at Hampton School for Boys – was previously at the Unicorn School in Kew, and chose to attend Francis Holland 'because it wasn't too terrifying', a feeling that was confirmed when one of the sixth-formers sat down and talked to her on her 11+ interview day. 'The school is academic,' Gabriella says, 'but while the teachers are keen for us to get good grades, we are also encouraged to go outside the curriculum with enrichment programmes.' Gabriella also runs the feminist society as a means of education for her and her peers, so that in the future they can help to make real change.

*Portrait by Hugo Burnand*



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