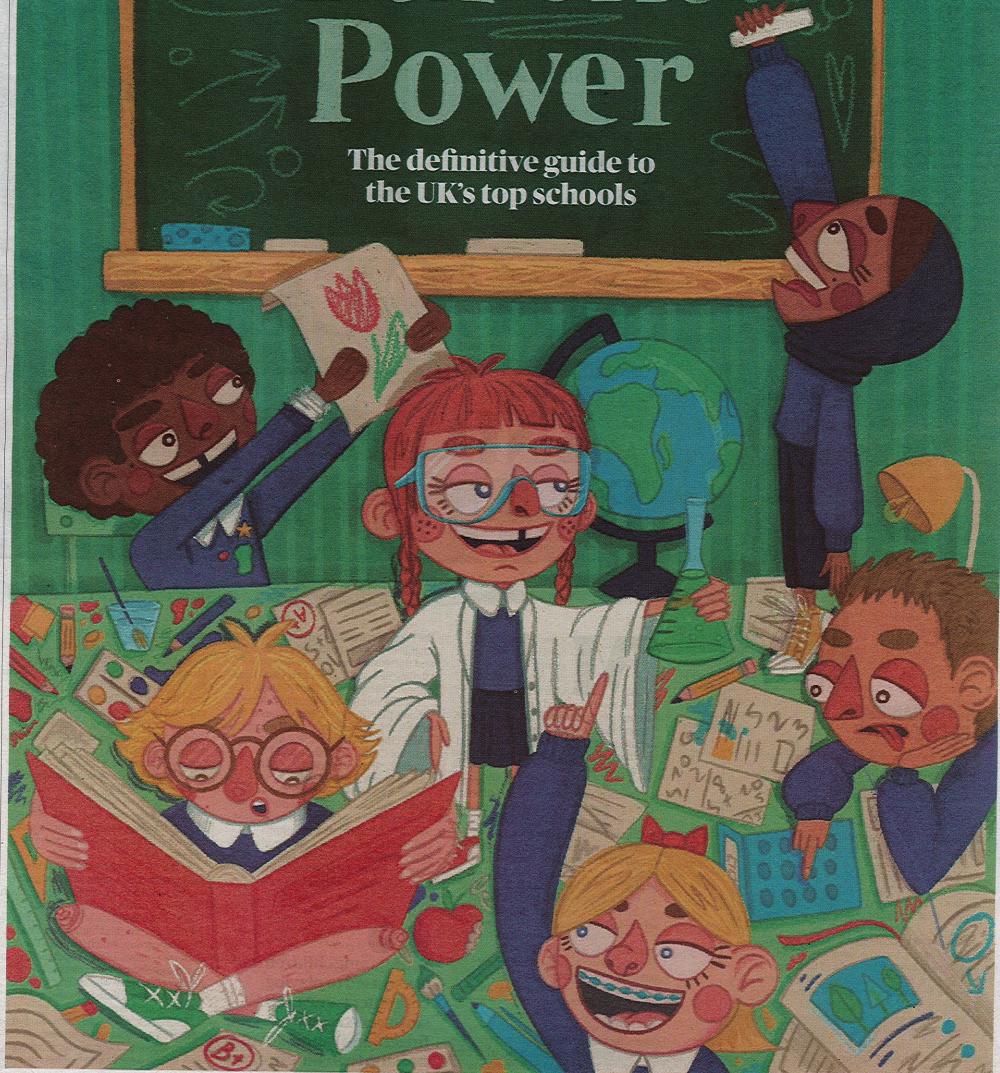
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The top secondary and independent schools



TOP 100 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Ranking based on 2022 examination results with A*-B grades at A-level double-weighted: for more details on the methodology go to the times.co.uk/parent power

2022 rank	lective PS=Partically Selective C=Comprenensi		Admissions	A-Level A*-B(%)	GCSE A*/A/ 9/8/7 (%)
1	The Henrietta Barnett School	Barnet	S	97.3	98.8
2	Queen Elizabeth's School	Barnet	S	98.3	95.7
3	Wilson's School	Wallington	\$,	97.9	95.4
4	The Tiffin Girls' School	Kingston upon Thames	S	97.1 95.0	96.8
5	Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Altrincham	S	95.4	95.0
6	Pate's Grammar School	Cheltenham	S	96.4	91.0
7	St Olave's Grammar School	Orpington Chelmsford	S	93.3	93.8
8	King Edward VI Grammar School	Colyton	S	94.1	90.1
9	Colyton Grammar School	Colchester	S	95.8	84.0
10=	Colchester Royal Grammar School	Stratford-upon-Avon	S	- 92.2	91.2
10=	King Edward VI School	Reading	S	93.3	88.7
12	Reading School Stratford Girls' Grammar School	Stratford-upon-Avon	S	90.4	94.4
13	Strattord Girls Grannial School	Reading	S	89.6	94.2
14	Kendrick School	Dartford	S	96.1	81.2
15	Dartford Grammar School Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	Altrincham	S	91.5	87.5
16 17	Chelmsford County High School for Girls	Chelmsford	S	87.5	95.4
18	King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	Birmingham	S	88.6	92.3
19	Colchester County High School for Girls	Colchester	S	86.8	94.0
20	Tonbridge Grammar School	Tonbridge	S	89.4	88.6
21	Tiffin School	Kingston upon Thames	S	91.5	84.4
22	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	Sutton Coldfield	S	90.0	87.3
23	Dr Challoner's Grammar School	Amersham	S	93.6	77.
24	The Latymer School	Edmonton	S	86.0	91.6
25	Newstead Wood School •	Orpington	8,	84.9	92.6
26	Wallington High School for Girls	Wallington	S	84.9	91.3
27	King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Birmingham	S	84.9	90.3
28	Dr Challoner's High School	Amersham	S.	87.7	84.6
29	Dame Alice Owen's School	Potters Bar	PS (38%)	91.8	76.
30	Nonsuch High School for Girls	Cheam	S	86.0	87.0
31	Sutton Grammar School	Sutton	S	87.8	- 83.
32	The Blue Coat School	Liverpool	S	88.2	81.4
33	St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt	Magherafelt	S	92.3	72.
34	Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School	Belfast	S	89.8	76.
35	Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock	Belfast .	\$	91.3	73.
36	Strathearn School	Belfast	S	89.0	77.
37	Langley Grammar School	Langley	S	85.5	84.
38=	Sir Thomas Rich's School	Gloucester	S	85.4	84.
38=		Marlow	- S	88.0	79.
40	Friends' School Lisburn	Lisburn	S	87.6	79.
41	Sale Grammar School	Sale	S	87.0	80
42	Wycombe High School	High Wycombe	S	85.6	82
43=	King Edward VI Five Ways School	Birmingham	S	84.0	85
43=	Newport Girls' High School	Newport	S	81.4	90
45		Guildford	C	87.2 84.3	83
46	The Skinners' School	Tunbridge Wells	- S.	91.8	68
47		Belfast	S	85.4	80
48		Beaconsfield		86.6	77
49	Lumen Christi College	Derry	S	81.9	85
50	St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	Barnet Coldfield	- S S	86.9	
51=	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	Sutton Coldfield	<u>S</u>	87.1	7/
51=		Tunbridge Wells	S	83.1	82
53		Westcliff-on-Sea	\$ \$	85.3	
54		Rugby Holywood	<u> </u>	89.6	
55	Sullivan Upper School		<u> </u>	85.6	
56	Wallington County Grammar School	Wallington Aylesbury	S	83.3	
57	Aylesbury High School		S	84.9	
58		High Wycombe Leatherhead	C	92.9	
. 59		Southend-on-Sea	S	84.0	
60		Altrincham	S	84.4	
61	Loreto Grammar School	Westcliff-on-Sea	<u>S</u>	81.1	
62	2 Westcliff High School for Girls	Chesham	S	81.5	
63		Rochester	S	90.	
64	I DE ROCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL	NOOHOOLO	7		-

2022 rank			Admissions	A-Level A*-B(%)	GCSE A*/ 9/8/7 (%)
66	Woodford County High School	Woodford Green	S	77.9	87.0
67	Bexley Grammar School	Welling	S	82.2	74.9
68	Rainey Endowed School	Magherafelt	\$	86.1	66.9
69	Bishop Wordsworth's School	Salisbury	S	81.3	75.7
70	Lancaster Girls' Grammar School	Lancaster	S	80.7	76.6
71	The Judd School	Tonbridge -	S	81.2	73.
72	Ripon Grammar School	Ripon	\$	82.6	-69.
73	Aylesbury Grammar School	Aylesbury	S	78.9	77.
74	Southend High School for Girls	Southend-on-Sea	S	79.6	75.
75	St Paul's School for Girls	Birmingham	. С	89.3	55.
76	Weald of Kent Grammar School	Tonbridge	S	80.3	73.
77	The Coopers' Company and Coborn School	Upminster	PS (10%)	80.5	72
78	Stroud High School	Stroud	S	79.0	74
79	Banbridge Academy	Banbridge	S	85.5	6
80	JFS	Harrow	С	87.8	56
81	Wolverhampton Girls' High School	Wolverhampton	S	73.7	84
82	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	Sidcup	- S	80,8	69
83	Omagh Academy	Omagh	S	83.4	62
84	Hasmonean High School for Girls	Barnet	C	83.1	63
85	St Ambrose College	Altrincham	S	81.7	65
86	Yavneh College	Borehamwood	C	88.0	52
87	Ilford County High School	Ilford	S	75.8	78
88=	Hockerill Anglo-European College	Bishop's Stortford	PS (10%)	87.5	52
88=	The London Oratory School	Fulham	C	87.1	53
90	Torquay Girls' Grammar School	Torquay	S	78.7	69
91=	Townley Grammar School	Bexleyheath	S	76.2	7.
91=	Twyford Church of England High School	Acton	PS (10%)	84.2	5
93=	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	S	76.0	7
93=	Ballymena Academy	Ballymena	S	83.0	5
93=	Wirral Grammar School for Girls	Bebington	S	75.2	7
96=	Queen Mary's High School, Walsall	Walsall	S	72.5	8
96=	Ruaby High School	Rugby	S	71.8	8
98=		Plymouth	S	73.1	7
98=		Ashford -	<u> </u>	78.0	6
100	Denmark Road High School	Gloucester	S	72.2	8

TOP 100 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Ranking based on 2022 examination results with A*-B grades at A-level double-weighted

2022 rank			A-Leve A*-B (9	GCSE 9/8/7	
1	St Paul's Girls' School	Barnes	99.5	97.9	
2	St Paul's School	Hammersmith	98.8	98.9	
3	King's College School	Wimbledon	99.3	97.7	
4	The Godolphin and Latymer School	London	98.0	98.3	
5	Guildford High School	Guildford	98.3	97.2	
6	Sevenoaks School	Sevenoaks	98.7	96.0	
7	Westminster School	Westminster	97.5	98.0	
8	Tonbridge School	Tonbridge	97.8	97.3	
9	Brighton College	Brighton	98.4	93.8	
10	North London Collegiate School	Edgware	97.2	96.0	
11=	City of London School	City of London	96.6	96.8	
11=	Wycombe Abbey	High Wycombe	96.8	96.4	
13	Francis Holland School, Sloane Square	Chelsea	97.0	94.0	
14	City of London School For Girls	City of London	94.5	98.7	
15	King Edward VI High School for Girls	Birmingham	96.4	94.9	
16=	Cardiff Sixth Form College	Cardiff	99.2	88.8	
16=	Hampton School	Hampton	95.9	95.4	
18	Magdalen College School	Oxford	96.9	93.0	
19	The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School	Elstree	95.9	94.4	
20	Eton College	Windsor	95.8	94.2	
21	Highgate School	Haringey	95.0	95.7	
22	Lady Eleanor Holles	Hampton-	94.9	95.5	
23	Trinity School	Croydon	96.0	93.0	
24	The Perse School	Cambridge	95.7	92.9	
25	Latymer Upper School	Hammersmith	94.5	95.	
26	Alleyn's School	Dulwich	95.5	92.7	
27	University College School	Hampstead	96.3	90.8	

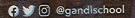
2022 rank			A-Level A*-B (%)	GCSE A* 9/8/7 (%
28=	Dulwich College	Dulwich	95.1	92.9
28=	Withington Girls' School	Manchester	94.9	93.3
30	Royal Grammar School, Guildford	Guildford	95.1 93.3	92.0
31	St Mary's School Ascot	Ascot	95.8	89.4
32	King Edward's School, Birmingham	Birmingham Northwood	94.2	92.6
33	Merchant Taylors' School	Reigate	94.3	91.7
34	Reigate Grammar School	Wimbledon	94.0	92.0
35	Wimbledon High School GDST South Hampstead High School GDST	Hampstead	92.7	94.3
36 37=	Bancroft's School	Woodford Green	93.0	93.5
37= 37=	Cheltenham Ladies' College	Cheltenham	93.6	92.2
39	St Catherine's, Bramley	Guildford	94.5	90.4
40	Surbiton High School	Kingston upon Thames	94.6	89.9
41	St Albans School	St Albans	93.2	92.7 89.9
42	St Helen and St Katharine	Abingdon	94.5 92.5	92.2
43	Kingston Grammar School	Kingston upon Thames	94.4	88.1
44	Oxford High School GDST	Oxford London	92.3	92.2
45	Notting Hill and Ealing High School GDST	Northwood	93.9	89.0
46=	St Helen's School	Croydon	92.7	91.3
46=	Whitgift School	Dulwich	92.4	91.8
48	James Allen's Girls' School St Michael's School	Llanelli	95.9	84.4
49 50	Winchester College	Winchester	92.5	91.2
51	Wellington College	Crowthorne	92.8	90.4
52	St Albans High School for Girls	St Albans	92.7	90.5
53	Queen Ethelburga's College	York	95.9	83.0
54=	Emanuel School	- Battersea	92.9	88.7
54=	The Abbey School	Reading	92.2	90.2
56	Hurstpierpoint College	Burgess Hill	94.8	84.6 86.9
57	Abingdon School	Abingdon	- 94.1	85.3
58	St Swithun's School	Winchester Shrewsbury	92.6	88.1
59	Concord College	Cardiff	96.6	80.0
60	St John's College, Cardiff	. Thatcham	91.7	88.4
61=	Downe House	Abingdon	92.5	86.8
61=	Radley College	Nottingham	92.2	86.2
63	Nottingham High School Putney High School GDST	Wandsworth	89.5	91.2
64	Caterham School	Caterham	90.0	90.0
66	King Edward's School	Bath	89.5 .	90.7
67	Ibstock Place School	Roehampton	89.6	88.3
68	Sir William Perkins's School	Chertsey	90.2	87.1
69	Sheffield High School for Girls	Sheffield	93.3	80.2
70=	City of London Freemen's School	Ashtead	90.0	82.0
70=		Calne Newcostle upon Type	90.2	85.4
72	Royal Grammar School	Newcastle upon Tyne	94.2	76.5
73	Harrodian	Barnes Cranbrook	87.1	89.3
74	Benenden School	Wimborne	92.0	79.6
75=		London	89.1	85.4
75=	Leicester Grammar School	Leicester	91.0	81.2
77 78	Eltham College	Bromley	89.0	85.0
79	Redmaids' High School	Bristol	88.0	86.2
80	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford	91.4	79.4
81	Walthamstow Hall	Sevenoaks -	88.2	85.5
82	Channing School	Haringey	86.9	
83	Headington School	Oxford	89.0	
84		South Croydon	90.9	
84	= Oundle School -	Peterborough	87.6 85.7	
86	The Manchester Grammar School	Manchester	87.8	
87	Colfe's School	Greenwich Norwich	92.0	
88		Cobham	89.0	
88	= Reed's School	Bromley	89.6	
90	Bromley High School GDST	Addlestone	88.5	
91		Petersfield	91.9	
92	- Churcher's College	Uppingham	91.0	75.0
92		Brighton	86.3	84.4
9/		Manchester	87.9	
95		Walthamstow	85.0	
99		Leatherhead	87.3	
98		Exeter	87.3	
90		Leicester	90.3	
		Marlborough	88.3	5 77.4

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Henrietta Barnett School, Hampstead, London

SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Wycombe High School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford, Surrey

TOP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

St Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green, London

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, London



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The Godolphin & Latymer School, Hammersmith, London

REGIONAL

East Anglia
Secondary School of the
Year King Edward VI Grammar
School, Chelmsford
Independent School of the
Year Norwich High School for

Secondary Independent School of the Year (AP) The Perse School, Cambridge East Midlands

Secondary School of the Year The King's School, Grantham

Comprehensive of the Year Northampton School for Boys Independent Secondary School of the Year Nottingham High School

Greater London
Secondary School of the
Year Mossbourne Community
Academy, Hackney
Comprehensive School of
the Year The Coopers'
Company and Coborn
School, Upminster
Independent School of the

Year Francis Holland,

Sloane Square Independent School of the Year (AP) St Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green

North
Secondary School of the Year
(AP) Ripon Grammar School
Comprehensive School of
the Year Prince Henry's
Grammar School, Otley
Independent Secondary
School of the Year
Sheffield High School for Girls
Independent Secondary
School of the Year (AP)

Northeast Comprehensive School of

Queen Ethelburga's College

the Year Durham Johnston Comprehensive School Independent Secondary School of the Year Dame Allan's School (Girls' and Boys'), Newcastle upon Tyne Independent Secondary School of the Year (AP) Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne

Northwest Secondary School of the Year Altrincham Grammar School for Girls Secondary Independent School of the Year Withington Girls' School, Manchester

Southeast
Secondary School of the
Year (AP) Reading School
Secondary School of the
Year Wycombe High School,
High Wycombe
Comprehensive School of
the Year St Peter's Catholic
School, Guildford
Independent Secondary
School of the Year

Southwest
Secondary School of the
Year Pate's Grammar School,
Cheltenham
Comprehensive School of
the Year The Cotswold

School, Bourton-on-the-Water

Guildford High School

Independent Secondary School of the Year Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham

West Midlands
Secondary School of the
Year King Edward VI School,
Stratford-upon-Avon

Strattord-upon-Avon
Secondary Independent
School of the Year King
Edward VI High School for
Girls, Birmingham

Wales

Secondary School of the Year Ysgol Bro Preseli, Pembrokeshire Independent Secondary School of the Year Cardiff Sixth Form College

Northern Ireland Secondary School of the Year St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt

Scotland (based on 2021)
Secondary School of the
Year Williamwood High
School, Glasgow
Secondary School of the
Year (AP) Jordanhill,
Glasgow
Independent School of the
Year (A-level) Fettes College,
Edinburgh
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Year (Highers) St Mary's
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CRITIC CONST

he dominance of London as an educational powerhouse continues, with half the country's top ten secondary schools in the state and the fee-paying sectors located in the capital.

There is not only a postcode lottery at play, but a clever-clogs cachet. All the pupils at the top schools in the private and the state sectors sit competitive entrance tests aged 11 or 13 to win a place. Many of the highest-performing schools in both sectors are single sex.

St Paul's Girls' School (SPGS) in west London, where 700 11-year-olds apply for 115 places, has topped the league tables for exam The magic results in the fee-paying sector every year except one since 2011. Alumnae triangle is pupils, teachers and of the £27,792-a-year parents working school include the Labour politician Harriet Harman, together the broadcaster Rachel Johnson and the actresses Jennifer Saunders and Rachel Weisz. This summer 99.5 per cent of A-level papers taken by SPGS pupils were awarded A*-B, while 97.9 per cent

of GCSEs were graded 9-7 or A*/A.

All pupils take a foundation course in coding and "creative technology" to prepare them for a world marked by "digital change", and there are dozens of clubs. Recognising the pressures on teenagers, the school last year set up a wellbeing centre. "Wellbeing sits at the very heart of fulfilment and academic success," the school said. It offers daily

access to counselling, "with a daily drop-in slot for ad-hoc visitors".

St Paul's Girls' is closely followed in the rankings by the nearby St Paul's boys' school, where 98.8 per cent of A-level papers were awarded A*-B.

It is notable that half of the top ten fee-paying schools are girls-only schools. They include the Godolphin and Latymer School in Hammersmith, where almost 900 girls apply for 120 places at the age of 11; Francis Holland, Sloane Square; City of London School for Girls; and

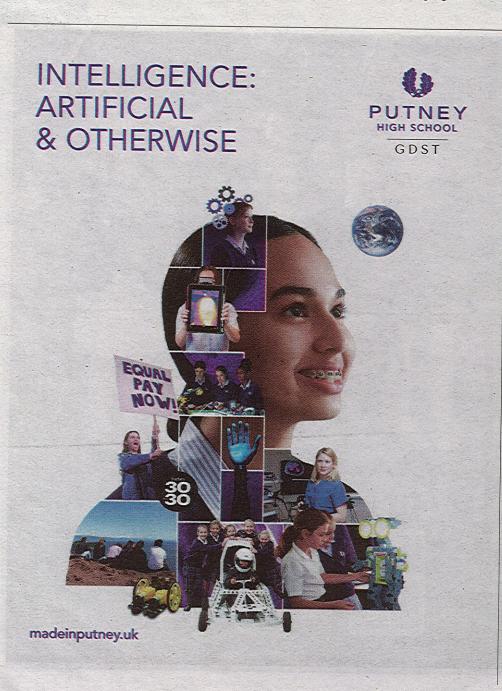
City of London School for Girls; and
North London Collegiate School.
In the state sector the

top-performing schools are led once again by a girls' school. The Henrietta Barnett School (HBS), a grammar in Hampstead, north London, heads the state rankings, followed by Queen Elizabeth's School, a boys' grammar in Barnet. More than 3,000 11-year-olds

sit entrance tests in maths and English for one of the 104 places on offer at HBS each year.

Clare Wagner, the head teacher, believes HBS's strong showing at the top of the state tables this summer is partly down to the school's response to lockdowns. "The teachers made the lessons good, the girls logged in [to the Google Cloud Platform] and submitted their work on time, and parents supported them to study at home," she says. "That is the magic triangle that produces good results: pupils, teachers, parents working together."









Pupils shine at Francis Holland, Sloane Square, left, and Mossbourne Community Academy, right



The school last year got 28 pupils into Oxbridge – one in five of the sixth form. Maths and physics are particularly strong subjects. However, the school was recently downgraded from "outstanding" to "good" by the schools inspectorate Ofsted, a judgment Wagner says the school formally appealed. "I said, how can you say that a sixth form that gets that kind of A-level results and Oxbridge success is only 'good'?"

The highest-performing comprehensive school in the capital is the Coopers' Company and Coborn School in Upminster, known as the East End Hogwarts. The school, which selects 10 per cent of its year 7 intake on aptitude for sport or music, has leapt from 208th= in the national rankings to 77th. On their return after lockdown, year 11 pupils were given a new motto: "Level up and power up."

"The school stayed open every day in lockdown, and I was in every day," Sue Hay, the head teacher, says. "We were overjoyed with the results, but we're not

a factory. It is about building motivation and resilience through extracurricular activities."

Mossbourne Community Academy is commended as the highest-achieving nonselective comprehensive in London. Its results have led to it jumping from 252nd= in the national rankings in pre-pandemic 2019 to 120th.

The school, which is surrounded by council estates in Hackney, east London – one of the poorest parts of the capital and an area where drugs gangs operate – was one of the country's first academies in 2004. Mossbourne became one of the first state schools to send more than a dozen teenagers in a single year to Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Renowned for strict discipline and high expectations of pupils, there is a huge range of clubs in the evening at the school, which stays open into the evening, and even a rowing academy.

"We believe every child can succeed," says Rebecca Warren, the head teacher, who is "particularly proud" of the school's medical bursary programme for years 7-11, NHS Cadets, which has led to 84 pupils starting a career as a doctor. A similar programme for architecture, which starts in year 8, has led to nine former students training as architects, "a career path they possibly would not have considered".

Warren is also proud that groups who underachieve nationally, such as poorer and black Caribbean pupils, "achieve significantly above the national average for all pupils" at Mossbourne.

Sian Griffiths

TOP 20

SCHOOL

The Henrietta Barnett
School, Hampstead
National rank: 1

Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet

Wilson's School, Wallington

4	The Tiffin Girls' School, Kingston upon Thames	4
5	St Olave's Grammar School, Orpington	7
6	Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames	22
7	The Latymer School, Edmonton	25
8	Newstead Wood School, Orpington	26
9	Wallington High School for Girls	27
10	Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam	31
11	Sutton Grammar School	32
12	St Michael's RC Grammar School, Finchley	50
13	Wallington County Grammar School	56
14	Woodford County High School	66
15	Bexley Grammar School, Welling	67
16	The Coopers' Company and Coborn School, Upminster	77
17	JFS, Harrow	80
18	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	82
19	Hasmonean High School for Girls, Mill Hill	84
20	Ilford County High School	87

St Paul's Girls' School National rank: 1

NDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

St Paul's School, Barnes

King's College School, Wimbledon

4	The Godolphin and Latymer School, Hammersmith	4
5	Westminster School	7
6	North London Collegiate School, Edgware	. 10
7	City of London School	11=
8	Francis Holland School, Sloane Square	13
9	City of London School for Girls	14
10	Hampton School	16=
11	Highgate School	21
12	Lady Eleanor Holles, Hampton	22
13	Trinity School, Croydon	23
14	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith	25
15	Alleyn's School	26
16	University College School, Hampstead	27
17	Dulwich College	28=
18	Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood	33
19	Wimbledon High School GDST	35
20	South Hampstead High School GDST	36

