

School Information

The School's History

Founded in 1710, Lady Eleanor Holles is one of the oldest and most prestigious academic girls' schools in the country. Originally situated in Cripplegate in the City of London, the School moved in 1937 to purpose-built accommodation on its current 24-acre site in Hampton, Middlesex. It offers pupils not only an outstanding academic education, excellence in sport and in the creative and performing arts, but also many opportunities to enjoy a superb range of extra-curricular activities.

The School is a thriving and vigorous community of approximately 885 pupils aged 7 - 18, including some 170 Sixth Formers, and 185 Junior School pupils.

The Site

The Junior School is housed in an elegant, refurbished building adjacent to the main school, providing a secure and stimulating space for girls aged 7 to 11, the majority of whom proceed to the Senior School. The main building was completely renovated and refurbished in 2003 and now houses specialist teaching rooms for Music, ICT, Science, Art, D&T and Languages.

The School's extensive, green site, including gardens, courts and playing fields, provides a spacious and attractive environment for work and play. It also enables us continually to seek to improve the facilities and thus the opportunities on offer to the girls. Most recently, our new Gateway Building has been developed to provide state-of-the-art facilities for Computing, Product Design and Modern Languages, whilst sports facilities have been further enhanced with a refurbished swimming pool, ergo room and activities studio. Our Arts Centre, completed in 2012, offers impressive space for teaching Music, Art and Drama. Central to this is a stunning theatre that offers a flexible performing, meeting and lecture space. Other additions have included a Learning Resources Centre, Sports Hall, an impressive Sixth Form Library and additional Science Laboratories. The School also has a nearby modern Thames-side Boathouse.

Next door is Hampton School, a successful independent boys' school with which we share a students' coach service and the aforementioned boathouse. Opportunities are taken for joint initiatives in many areas: music and drama, foreign language trips and exchanges, CCF, careers advice and 6th form lectures and leadership training. The Junior School enjoys positive relationships with Hampton's Pre-Prep and Prep School.



School Ethos

Beyond the high academic standards for which LEH is nationally renowned, there is a great deal which makes LEH an outstanding school for both students and staff. The working environment is purposeful and productive, and LEH pupils are known for their intellectual curiosity and generosity of spirit. They are deeply involved in the wider local community and enjoy lively participation in a huge number and variety of extra-curricular clubs and societies. The school takes great pride in ensuring that all pupils are respected as individuals and that their personal development is fully realised. They work hard and play hard, and are extraordinarily energetic and enthusiastic.

The aims of the Junior School are twofold. First, to encourage every girl to develop her personality to the full so that she may become a woman of integrity and a responsible member of society, and secondly, to provide a broad education initially, leading finally to high academic achievements in the Senior School, within a framework of disciplined and independent study which includes cultural, creative and sporting opportunities.

Teaching and support staff across the school commit time and energy to the school with generosity. There is a strong collegiality and all take real pride in LEH, its history and the achievements of the pupils.

Academic

There are eight forms in the Junior School - two in each of Years 3 to 6 - of up to 24 girls. In Year 3, the girls spend most of their time with their Form Teacher, though there are specialist teachers for Science, ICT, Music, PE and French, from the beginning. The number of lessons taught by specialist staff gradually increases as the pupils move up through the Junior School, but the Form Teacher normally teaches either English or Maths to the form and retains a very important pastoral responsibility. The Junior School prides itself on combining high academic standards with a relaxed, supportive and friendly atmosphere. The vast majority of Junior School girls are offered guaranteed Senior School places without having to take the senior entrance exam.

LEH is consistently among the top performing schools in the country with a longstanding record of academic excellence. Details of recent public examination results can be viewed on the school's website; you will not be surprised to learn that we send students to all the UK's top universities, as well as to the USA and other countries.



Music, Drama, Art and Sport

All Junior School girls have lessons in Art, Music and PE with specialist teachers, and these subjects have a high profile within the school. There are many opportunities for performance and display, and regular sporting fixtures with other schools. The very wide-ranging extra-curricular programme offers girls a large number of activities and clubs to choose from; the majority are open to all and are not selective. Some activities are offered by school staff, some by visiting staff and some by sixth-formers.

The Junior School also shares the fabulous sports facilities our site offers. The school's extensive grounds enable a wide variety of sports to be played on site: four lacrosse pitches, six floodlit netball/tennis courts, six grass tennis courts, Sports Hall, and an indoor Swimming Pool. The Theatre in the Senior School is also used for Junior School productions throughout the year.

Staff

The school offers a pleasant working environment, with a personal working area. Tea and coffee are provided in the staff room, and lunches in the Senior School staff refectory, although Junior School staff may have lunch at the Junior School if they prefer. Staff may use the school's excellent sports facilities, including the pool. The school participates in the DFES Teachers' Pension Scheme and may be able to offer help with relocation expenses.

