



LEH Senior 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 970 pupils aged 7 - 18, including some 200 Sixth Formers, and 192 Junior School pupils.

The Site

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 pupils. Most recently, our new Gateway Building opened in 2019 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.

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.

Next door is Hampton School, a successful independent boys' school with which we share a students' coach service and the 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.

School Ethos

Lady Eleanor Holles (LEH) is a remarkable school. The students' public exam results and their sporting achievements are among the best in the country. Their musical and dramatic activities place them among the best of young performers. And most importantly of all, their stimulating and happy approach to all they do makes LEH a joyful place to study and grow.

There is so much more to LEH life than academic achievement: if students left here with excellent exam results alone, we would be disappointed. Our goal is that LEH pupils become expert learners, unafraid to tackle new and challenging ideas, prepared to take risks, and able to learn from failure.

Our school motto "Hope Favours the Bold" sums it up beautifully - at LEH, pupils learn to be courageous and ever hopeful, optimistic, and determined in all that they do.

LEH values an inclusive and diverse community for pupils and employees as we believe inclusion and diversity improve the learning environment for everyone. We are fortunate to be able to draw on a range of voices, perspectives and experiences and we are determined that every pupil has an equal opportunity to flourish, no matter their gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality or physical ability.

Academic

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

LEH is justifiably proud of its Music Department which sustains extraordinarily high standards in performance as well as in academic study. As well as the prestigious LEH Symphony Orchestra, there are Junior, Senior, and Chamber Choirs, String Orchestra, and numerous other groups including Wind Band, Jazz Band, Saxophone Group, Brass Group, a Rock Band and many Chamber Ensembles.

The theatre provides the perfect showcase for the Drama Department's rich, varied and rapidly expanding extra-curricular programme. Amongst the highlight of the Arts Calendar is the annual musical co-produced with our neighbours at Hampton School. Recent shows include *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Crazy in Love and Anything Goes*. Other events include sixth form plays, lower school productions, workshops, theatre company visits, plus an increasingly specialised technical theatre training programme.

The bright, airy Art Department enjoys northern light, full height windows opening onto broad balconies with expansive views over the site. The department includes large studios with specialist facilities for ceramics, life-drawing and other media.

LEH is renowned for its sporting successes and the Sporting Roll of Honour for National and International Representatives often features 15 or more students, covering sports as diverse as acrobatics, skiing, kayaking, lacrosse, rowing and cross country. 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. At Sunbury, the Millennium Boat House (owned jointly with Hampton School) provides the perfect location for the highly successful LEH Boat Club.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A key strength of the school is the range and diversity of its flourishing extra-curricular provision. Some 120 clubs run each week, ranging from Music, Drama and PE to Outward Bound and subject clubs, all aiming further to stimulate and inculcate a love of learning outside the classroom.

Sixth Formers lead a number of groups which focus on various political, environmental and ethical issues, including 'Model United Nations', 'Amnesty' and 'Make Poverty History'. Pupils are encouraged to take the initiative to form their own clubs, with a Medic Group, Law Society, and Book Club formed in the recent past.

The school has developed a wide range of activities to ensure that students are aware of their social responsibilities, including Service Volunteers which works with disadvantaged children and the elderly. The students run numerous activities in local primary schools, including language and drama clubs, and have developed a pioneering peer mentoring scheme with our neighbouring state secondary school, Hampton High.

Pupils are strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and all staff are expected to contribute towards, and further enhance, the School's provision.

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. Staff may use the school's excellent sports facilities including the pool. The school offers the Teachers' Pension Scheme for teaching staff and membership of LEH Group Pension Scheme (with life assurance) for non-teaching staff. LEH may be able to offer help with relocation expenses.