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SYDENHAM SCHOOL

DARTMOUTH ROAD SYDENHAM, S.E.26 Telephone: FOR 1795-6731

A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS FROM THE AGES OF 11 TO 19



Headmistress: MISS E. M. KIMSEY, B.A.

PROSPECTUS OF SYDENHAM SCHOOL

THIS SCHOOL, first founded in the early 1860's as Manor Mount Collegiate School, has traditions built up over nearly 100 years and has been strengthened and broadened by fusion with other schools which have been joined to it over the period. It is now housed in two main buildings joined by a covered way and offers a wide variety of courses to girls between the ages of 11 and 19.

In addition to many form rooms, there are a large assemblydining hall with a stage and balcony for school plays, a dining hall, a hall- gymnasium, three well equipped gymnasia with shower baths, nine laboratories, a science lecture room, eight housecraft rooms and three flats, six art and craft rooms with a kiln for pottery, two geography rooms, four music rooms, two libraries, two commerce rooms and a model office.

Subjects for which provision is made on the time-table include Religious Instruction, English, History, Geography, French, Latin, German, Greek, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Art, Craft, Domestic Science, Singing, Musical Appreciation, Gymnastics, Games, Dancing, and Swimming.

All girls will take a general course during the first three years, the number of subjects and the extent to which they are studied being suited to the pupils' abilities. At the end of the third year, opportunities will be available to embark on courses which will be planned to suit the needs of the girls, due regard being taken of the wishes of their parents.

Such courses will include:

- i. Commercial studies in the Fourth and Fifth years, leading to the examinations of the Royal Society of Arts at the age of 16 years.
- ii. A course in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth years in preparation for Part I of the State Registered Nurses' Preliminary Examination, at 17 years.
- iii. A course leading to the Housecraft Certificate of the National Council for Domestic Studies, at 16 years, followed, if required, by a further year's work as a

- preliminary to the Demonstrator's Certificate which could be taken at a technical college at the age of 18 years.
- iv. Studies leading to the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) in a variety of subjects, the examination being taken at the age of 16.

Throughout the Fourth and Fifth years, such courses will form part of a broad general education.

Those girls remaining at school after the age of 16, who are able and who wish to continue their academic work, will be encouraged to enter for the G.C.E. at Advanced Level when they are 18.

This course is essential as a basis for the professions and for entry to the Universities. It offers also a thorough preparation for work in Training Colleges for Teachers, Schools of Art and Music, and Hospital Schools for the Therapies.

Post G.C.E. courses will also be arranged for Pre-Nursing, Home-making and Secretarial Work.

Everything is done to awaken interest in and provide information about the great variety of careers open to women today and in the various scholarships and awards which make training possible.

Evidence of the religious and social life of the School is found in the daily Morning Service, an annual Harvest Festival Service, an annual Family Carol Service in local churches, good cause efforts, the School Branch of the Student Christian Movement, numerous other societies, wide musical activities, house activities, and inter-school matches of every kind.

School colours are navy and pale blue and the school outfitters are Wolfe & Scott, Grove Vale, East Dulwich, but parents can make the uniform themselves and everything is done to make it as reasonable as possible.

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