



LEH Junior 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 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 houses specialist teaching rooms for Music, ICT, Science, Art, D&T and Languages. More recently in 2021, the library was refurbished to become an inspiring Reading Room and the library has been relocated in a more spacious 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 girls. 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.

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. The Junior School enjoys positive relationships with Hampton's Pre-Prep and Prep School.

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

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 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.