

TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE 2025

ST CATHERINE'S, BRAMLEY ●

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Head Alice Phillips, since 2000;
previously deputy head of Tormead
School **Pupils** 859 girls: 686 day,
173 boarding **Ages** 3–18

Term Fees Day: £7,465; boarding:
£12,650 **Bursaries** 7% of pupils,
up to 100%+ **Alumni** Journalist
Isabel Hardman, sailer Emily

Mueller; designer Kiki McDonough
One parent says St Catherine's
appeals on two levels. First, there's
the academic excellence: 'It main-
tains high standards and provides
students with the necessary support
and resources to excel.' Second is
the holistic education: St Catherine's
'places emphasis on the development
of character, values and life skills'.
Certainly, the strength of the former
can't be questioned – 46 per
cent of GCSE results come in at
grade 9, and a large chunk of leavers
head on to Russell Group universi-
ties – but there's also evidence
aplenty of the latter. Both team and
individual sports are in fine fettle:
the netball stars shoot, and the
swimmers glide, to the top of
various competitions, while the
athletics squad can regularly be
found vaulting past the opposition.
Meanwhile, the equestrian team is
particularly good – one girl has
been ranked the best showjumper
in the UK for her age category –
and another pupil was ranked first
for both junior and adult freestyle
in the British Indoor Skydiving
National Championships. For the
musically minded, there are more
than 40 different ensembles, and
the brilliant, purpose-built audito-
rium has an orchestra pit and seats
for 300 (the perfect setting for *Shrek
the Musical*). Textiles flourish, and
are showcased at the greatly antici-
pated annual fashion show. To give
them a taste of art college life,
Sixth-form artists have their own
space, which they can access at
weekends and in the evenings; and
the photography studio is equipped
with professional lighting and edit-
ing software.

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