Princess Helena College

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Princess Helena College is an exceptional school with a strong identity and a long and distinguished history. Established in 1820 in London, the College is now located in a beautiful environment in 183 acres of Hertfordshire countryside. Our location enables easy access to London and major airports and our academic and extracurricular programmes are greatly enriched by this.

The College is a dynamic and exciting place to be; expectations are high and learning is fun. Our size means that teachers know every girl in the school personally, and friendships are formed across as well as within year groups. The excellent pastoral care is underpinned by boarding, and all girls benefit from an extended day, wider opportunities and a genuine sense of community whether they are full, weekly, flexi boarders or day girls.

Stimulating academic curriculum and enrichment programme

The academic curriculum at the College is broad, offering an impressive range of choices. Girls work hard, enjoy their lessons and are motivated by well-qualified staff. Every girl is helped to reach her full potential through excellent teaching, small class sizes and additional help and support where necessary. All girls benefit from regular individual meetings with their Head of Key Stage in Years 7–11, and with their Academic Tutor in the sixth form.

The academic curriculum is supported by the SCITLLE (Serve, Create, Inspire, Thrive, Lead, Learn, Explore) enrichment programme which includes an exciting range of activities, clubs, visits and events. Girls are encouraged not only to achieve their personal best in meeting the demands of their classes but to see over the horizon, to become intellectually curious and to value knowledge for its own sake.



Great girls

At Princess Helena College we want our girls to be themselves. Here they are given space and time to grow up and the support that they need as they navigate their teenage years. We wholeheartedly celebrate being a girls' school and endorse the benefits of single-sex education which enables girls to flourish academically and personally.

Princess Helena College girls are characterised by their energy, commitment and laughter. They are encouraged to have high aspirations; they know that they can achieve amazing things and that they will be helped and supported by others as they seek to do so.

Princess Helena College is indeed a wonderful place and I am proud to be Headmistress here.

Mrs Jo-Anne Duncan



Key facts

Type of school Girls boarding and day
Age range 11–18
Number of pupils 205
Number of boarders 56
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:6
Religious tradition Anglican
Fees per term Full boarding £7,235– £10,496;
Day £5,075–£6,195
ISC association GSA





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