



St Augustine's PRIORY

Leading Ealing Catholic
Independent Day School for
Girls 3-18 and Boys 3-4.



Dear Parent,

Welcome to our unique school.

St Augustine's Priory is a Catholic, independent day school for girls aged 3-18 and we also welcome boys in the nursery. We are an all-through school and it is an enormous benefit to girls and parents that pupils who join us in the Junior School are able to move seamlessly up with us through to the Sixth Form years. As a Catholic school we hold the care of the whole person as central to what we do.

The school is set in 13 acres of beautiful grounds with magnificent views. Here girls have the physical, mental and emotional space to grow intellectually in an environment which both supports and provides plenty of challenges. Our results are excellent and we pride ourselves on instilling in girls a love of learning. We are committed to preparing girls for life-long effectiveness and to developing the range of skills they require to achieve long-term happiness and success.

We have been in Ealing for nearly one hundred years and we represent a wonderful continuity of expertise in educating women of the future. Our founders were exceptional, visionary women who strove relentlessly to offer girls the best education possible; we continue in this tradition and are unique in the generations of staff and of families who continue to work and study here. We offer a broad and varied curriculum with rich opportunities for personal development.

Girls are assessed on initial entry and move automatically through to the Senior School. External candidates who join us at 9+, 10+, 11+, 13+ and 16+ sit entrance examinations. Scholarships and Exhibitions are available.

Come and see us. Only then will you understand this school's outstanding setting and the nature of this community where everyone is welcome and where we enable girls to achieve academic excellence.

Mrs S. Raffray MA
Headteacher





“The pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent... Personal development is supported by excellent pastoral care.”

ISI Report 2012



Welcome to St. Augustine's

St Augustine's Priory was founded in 1634 by Lady Mary Tredway, and the first pupil was called Margaret Dormer. The School flourished, first in Paris, then in Neuilly. In 1911 the School moved to Ealing. The present site, a unique Arts and Crafts building, was built in 1915 and has been continuously occupied by the school ever since.

Today, as then, our vision is for girls to leave St Augustine's equipped with an outstanding academic education and also with the full range of skills required to lead an effective and fulfilling life as women. As part of their journey, in a girls' school environment, they will acquire the skills of self-knowledge, of reflection, of intellectual risk-taking, of persuasiveness and team building and of emotional strength as well as a cultural fabric for their enriched enjoyment of life. Our team of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers, teaching assistants and support staff care for the girls and encourage them in all aspects of their education and development.


Early Years Nursery & Reception

The Nursery is a recently completed purpose-built facility with its own outdoor play area and supervised access to our woodlands. Together with our Reception year group, it is consistently rated “Outstanding” in ISI Inspection reports. Highly skilled Early Years staff work closely with pupils and parents to deliver outstanding personal development and outstanding progress in all areas of learning, with the child’s progress at the heart of our approach. The staff’s deep knowledge of individuals, their outstanding partnership with parents and the highly stimulating indoor areas, wide range of equipment and broad educational programme mean that most pupils leave having exceeded the early learning goals. The staff create a happy, purposeful atmosphere, based on a spirit of co-operation between members of staff, children and parents. They are concerned with the exploration of the world through senses, feelings and experiences, allowing young children to learn through well-planned play activities.



Our 13 acres of stunning grounds in the heart of London has enabled us to launch a Forest School. This unique outdoor classroom provides challenging, active learning experiences, giving the children opportunities to explore practical activities, learn about wildlife and plant life in the area, make decisions independently, and develop problem-solving skills.





“I find the teachers’ enthusiasm
for teaching and total commitment
to the girls remarkable.”

Parent Survey




Preps & Juniors

In the Preps and Junior School we understand the importance of enthusing girls and instilling self-confidence. Our aim is to ensure that each child develops in an atmosphere where they feel safe, valued and respected and one in which they are happy and challenged. Every child has the opportunity to discover new talents and develop friendships and relationships which will enable them to grow with assurance as they move seamlessly through to the Senior School.

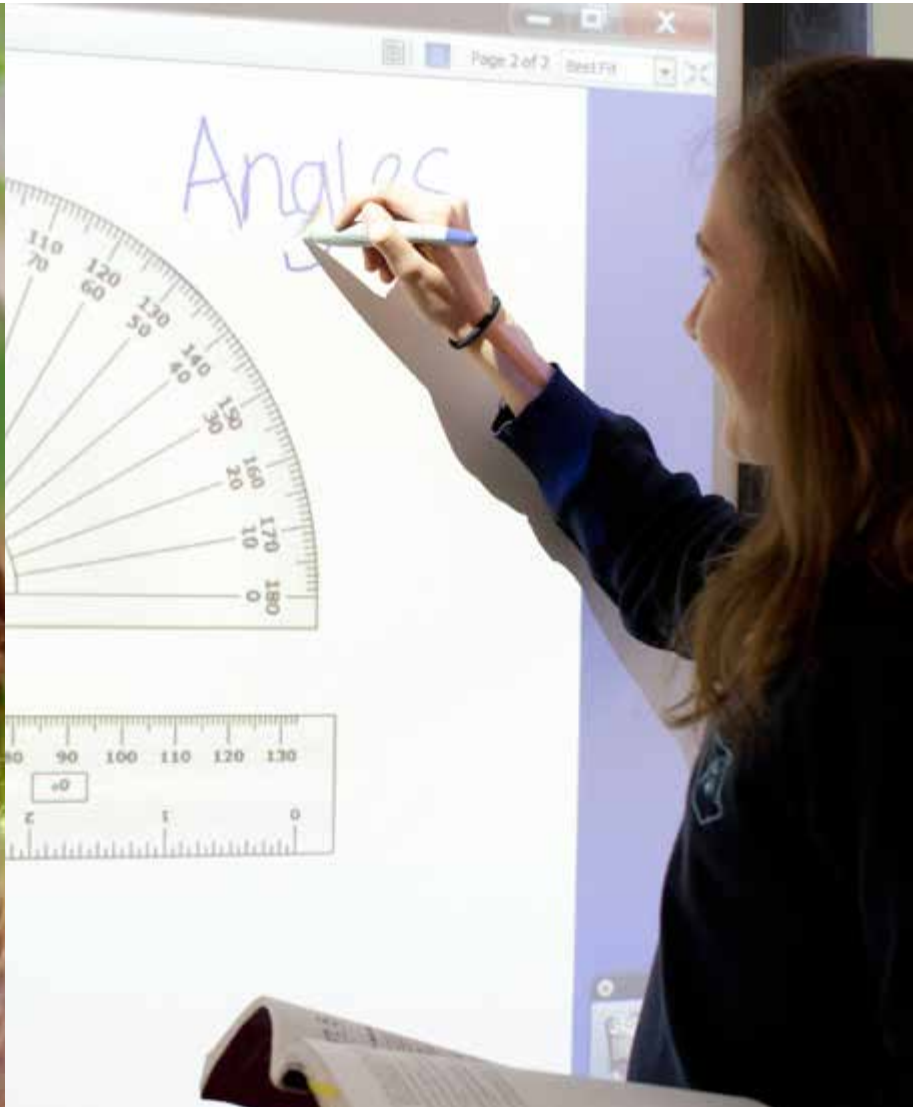
Our curriculum provides extensive opportunities for children to develop their individual talents and a genuine enjoyment of learning and school life. Educational visits, workshops, themed days and, for the older children, residential trips, enhance the pupils' learning experience. We offer a rich and varied extra-curricular programme and children are encouraged to embrace the opportunity to participate in all aspects of school life in a caring and stimulating environment. One of the jewels in the Preps' and Juniors' crown is our Prep Meadow, where orchard trees stand amidst wooden playground equipment, including a glorious galleon, for the children to explore and experience adventure in their surroundings whilst supervised.



A young girl with dark, curly hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is sitting at a table and playing chess. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Her hands are on the chessboard, and she appears to be moving a piece. The chessboard is on a light-colored table, and several chess pieces are visible. The background is slightly blurred, showing a room with a window and some furniture. A blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“The opportunities
available through
extra-curricular activities
are excellent, reflecting
the contribution made by
staff to the wider life of
the school.”

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Seniors

The Senior School provides extensive opportunities for girls to develop their individual talents and a genuine enjoyment of learning and of school life. We expect all our girls to work hard but we know that children learn best when they are happy. We believe in instilling a love of learning and of intellectual risk-taking - of understanding the value of education beyond examinations. Excellent examination results over many years only serve to confirm our unique philosophy based on four centuries of experience.

In the Senior School, the girls avail themselves of a broad and varied curriculum, taught by passionate teachers. Core curriculum subjects are taught, including English, Mathematics, Religious Studies and Science, together with a range of other Humanities and Arts subjects. In addition, a number of languages, including Russian, French and Spanish, are on offer. Classical Civilisation, Greek and Latin are also taught. Our Science teaching team is very strong and our state-of-the-art labs have inspired many girls who go on to study Medicine and Dentistry, amongst other subjects, at leading Universities. The curriculum is underpinned by an Enrichment programme and complemented by educational visits, talks and expeditions. Many girls choose to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, where we offer all levels, up to and including, Gold.



“We love the atmosphere.
The teaching and pastoral
care are extremely good.
Our daughters are happy
and stretched.”

Parent



Freedom

Love of Learning

Courage

A community



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form is an exciting phase of school life, giving our pupils a real sense of transition. The girls are the seniors of the school and are treated as adults; they wear smart suits and the specialism of A Level courses provides them with the intellectual freedom to explore in-depth and to enjoy the rewards of independent study. The girls are inspired to truly engage in their learning and to develop themselves as assured, mature, critical thinkers who are open to new

ideas and to taking risks. The vast array of leadership opportunities offered in the Sixth Form fully prepares the girls for university, work, adult relationships and all the possibilities waiting beyond the school gates. Through their studies, activities and the community life at St Augustine's Priory, our girls develop into self-assured, articulate young women ready to make a meaningful contribution to the world.



Drama

Drama provision within the curriculum is excellent throughout the school. Drama continues to be a popular subject at GCSE and A Level. Uptake of the outstanding extra-curricular choices on offer is strong (clubs and major productions). There is extensive opportunity for gaining varied skills in theatre practice. Senior girls can work on school productions in the local theatre, The Questors, as stage managers, producers, costume designers and choreographers as well as performers. Girls have the option to be prepared for LAMDA examinations from Upper I through to Upper VI as well as the Trinity communications examinations.





Music

Music is an important part of school life. Girls have curriculum music lessons and there is ample opportunity to join orchestras, ensembles and bands. The Chapel Singers, drawn from both Juniors and Seniors, are a high-performing choir who are in regular demand at ecclesiastical and lay events. We provide aural and practical experience of a wide range of musical traditions in classroom music lessons. There is an extended and challenging programme of individual instruction on a wide range of instruments for those electing to take lessons, with a visiting team of committed, professional musicians to provide them. We encourage and arrange musical visits and trips in the U.K. and abroad for girls to experience as much professional music-making as possible.



Art

The Art Department is very strong, with an emphasis on stimulating and developing an enjoyment of Art as well as developing technical skills in a variety of media. Girls are encouraged to develop an aesthetic understanding and a greater knowledge of Art within varying historical, cultural and contemporary contexts. The development of critical and analytical skills and an intellectual engagement is central to the study of Art at St Augustine's. There is a hugely popular annual exhibition of girls' work with eminent guest artists. Girls go on to study Art and related courses at university.



P.E.

Girls enjoy P.E. to a high level of performance both within the curriculum and on an extra-curricular basis. The core P.E. staff is supported by experienced coaches who bring their specific expertise to the life of the Department. Girls compete both locally and nationally. Netball and hockey tours take place on a regular basis. Netball, hockey, rounders, tennis, athletics, swimming, dance (including ballet and Zumba), football, running, fitness, yoga and karate are just some of the options on offer. With our own excellent facilities of a floodlit, full-sized astro-turf, netball and tennis courts and playing fields, girls play sports on-site and regularly host local teams. Our Sports Day is held here every summer when parents and pupils alike are able to enjoy our extensive grounds. P.E. is offered at both GCSE and A Level.



Integrity and truth





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