A family of 25 schools
Dear Parents,

You want the best for your daughter. That’s why the school you choose is so crucial. Academic excellence in schools like ours is a given, but GDST schools don’t just deliver credentials; they develop character, balancing the academic and pastoral to ensure your daughter is equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make her mark on the world. Happy, healthy, confident.

Our girls learn far more than facts and figures. They learn to be fearless and resilient. They learn to succeed on their own terms.

We do hope you visit to see for yourself what makes our schools special.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

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Cheryl Giovannoni
Chief Executive, GDST
The Belvedere Academy has been described by The Good Schools Guide as ‘the school everyone wants their daughter to go to in Liverpool.’ We accept an all-ability intake in Year 7 from across Liverpool. We are heavily oversubscribed with the ratio of Year 7 applications to places available currently being 10:1, and we have record numbers of both internal and external students applying to our Sixth Form. Our students are given the chance to flourish in an ‘Outstanding’ environment with a huge range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

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Birkenhead High School Academy is a vibrant learning community offering girls aged 3 to 19 years an outstanding education. There has been a school on our site for well over 100 years and we continue to embrace core traditional values, but with a very firm eye on the ever changing future. Girls are given every opportunity to develop into confident, articulate and responsible young women. They are constantly challenged, and encouraged take risks and to develop a life-long love of learning.

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Situated on the edge of Blackheath and Greenwich Park, Blackheath High School inspires girls age 3 to 18 to think big and love learning. Our teachers are passionate subject experts who make the most of small classes to engage students in a vibrant, aspirational atmosphere.

Constantly broadening horizons, Blackheath High School’s enrichment programme offers over 80 co-curricular clubs. An £18 million investment in new school buildings and facilities, completed in 2018/19, provides a state of the art learning environment to help students reach their full potential.

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As one of the founding schools of the Girls’ Day School Trust, radical roots are in our DNA. We understand what makes girls tick and we support every student to do the best she can. We are a day school in the heart of Brighton, the creative capital of the UK, and we make the most of the rich cultural offering and dynamic community feel that is on our doorstep. We offer excellent teaching in all subjects and encourage innovative approaches to learning throughout.

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We are a happy, successful school where girls thrive. In the classroom, each girl’s intellectual potential is challenged and developed by inspirational teachers whose concern for your daughter ranges infinitely beyond her performance in examinations. Our girls participate with enthusiasm and commitment in an overabundant range of activities – and where they have interest, talent, or enthusiasm, it is nurtured so that they learn to excel. We are immensely proud of our girls – from bright-eyed four year olds, to the effortlessly impressive Upper Sixth.

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Croydon High is an exceptional school with a strong sense of community where achievement and aspiration are celebrated in equal measure. Our school mantra is ‘every girl, every day’, meaning staff strive to bring something new and memorable to every learning experience. Inspirational teachers and motivated girls relish challenge and opportunity, making Croydon High an exciting and hugely supportive environment. Girls are encouraged to be themselves and to work together with their teachers in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

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One of Wales’s leading independents, Howell’s School, Llandaff is a well-rounded all-through school, taking students seamlessly from the Nursery – housed in Roald Dahl’s childhood home, Cumberland Lodge – to A-levels in Howell’s Co-Ed College. Right on the edge of a great, green expanse of parkland, Howell’s has a tremendous sense of roominess for a city school which, coupled with a tangibly warm and nurturing environment, gives our students the space to stretch their wings and find their feet as they reach their full potential.

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Kensington Prep School is an award-winning school for girls aged 4 to 11, situated in spacious grounds in the heart of Fulham. We are a forward-thinking school with ground-breaking facilities, including our multi-screen immersive ‘Explore Floor’, spacious classroom breakout spaces and multi-media recording studio. We encourage individuality and questioning thinkers, winning praise for our nurturing approach, rich curriculum and outstanding academic results. Our girls go on to gain places at some of the best secondary schools and boarding schools in London and the UK.

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Every day at Newcastle High School for Girls, we introduce three year olds to the wonders of the world, spark the intellectual curiosity of eleven year olds and academically challenge our Sixth Form girls to aim higher and higher still. By igniting a passion for learning and an unquenchable belief that she can achieve anything, we will ensure your daughter thrives and grows into a strong independent minded young woman ready to take on the world.

Alumnae include:
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At Northampton High School, we believe in our girls. And they believe in themselves. True to our guiding principle – that everything we do is tailored to the individual girls – we will get to know her really well. We will scatter her path with unique opportunities, giving her food for thought and room to grow. When the going gets tough, we will be with her. When crucial decisions have to be made, we will hold her hand. We will enjoy helping her to find and follow her dream.

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Northwood College for Girls is a warm family community, where individualised care is at the heart of what we do. Our purpose is to enable girls to be balanced, capable and happy, as this serves as a framework for successful learning and the optimum educational outcome for each child. Our highly dedicated and well-trained professionals teach and facilitate a rigorous and interconnected curriculum and co-curriculum, which is designed to empower each girl to explore, develop and embrace her unique intellectual and creative talents.

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We believe passionately in putting girls first. We develop girls who are confident in their own voice, tailoring all we do around their needs and providing the best opportunities to find their strengths. An outstanding academic education is at the heart of everything we do, yet we believe that the best education includes sport, music, art, drama, and an outstanding range of extracurricular activities. We are a friendly, forward-looking and dynamic community, in which strong relationships are key.

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One of London’s most successful girls’ schools, with a long tradition of academic and creative excellence, we seek to inspire, empower and challenge each girl to be herself. Our students are grounded, confident and independent, keen to make a positive difference in the world. They are proud of their school and value kindness and laughter, fun and friendship. Here they enjoy being part of a warm, supportive and vibrant community, where they can express their passion for learning, and for life.

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Notting Hill & Ealing High School
Our girls dream big and aim high, find their voices and shake up the world. We fire their imaginations and unlock their talents, nurture their curiosity and harness their passions. We’re a city school – and proud of it – with an energy which drives our inspirational teaching. As a top 100 school, our dynamic approach, 21st century technology and flexible curriculum offer an educational adventure for each and every girl. Whoever and whatever she wants to be, her journey begins here.

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Putney has a proud tradition of innovative, ambitious teaching that nurtures talent and gives every individual the opportunity to stand up and stand out. We are a warm, vibrant and down-to-earth community where pupils develop a love of learning. Girls find their passions and achieve their ambitions in a wealth of areas from Arabic to acapella, chemistry to cricket. Entrepreneurs and an Orator in Residence join specialist global university advisors to enhance what is a truly 21st century education.

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Situated in the beautiful world heritage city of Bath and steeped in tradition, at the Royal High School Bath we are firmly focused on the future. We offer an outstanding, contemporary, girl-centred education from nursery to Sixth Form and are proud to be the only boarding school in the GDST. Uniquely offering the IB and A Levels, we aim to give our girls the qualities and character to navigate a competitive, global, multicultural, technology-driven world successfully, and to make a positive difference through the lives they live.

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South Hampstead has been opening doors, hearts and minds since 1876. As a buzzing academic powerhouse, with kindness and curiosity at its core, pupils thrive here – both intellectually and personally. Our results place us comfortably amongst the country’s leading schools, but we also aim to ignite a love of learning for learning’s sake. Ultimately, we want to ensure all our pupils leave us as assured, adaptable, pioneering individuals, ready to make their mark on the world and lead happy, successful lives.

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Since 1887, Streatham & Clapham High School has been a leader in girls’ education, offering a stimulating and nurturing environment to pupils whose curiosity and drive set them apart. We are a diverse community in which our girls’ unique strengths are celebrated and developed. Each girl’s individual needs are met with a supportive family approach as we nurture excellence. SCHS provides the best of all worlds with small classes, expert teachers and first-rate facilities adjacent to lush natural settings whilst occupying one of London’s most vibrant urban areas.

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At Sutton High School, girls enjoy learning and are successful. Our girls are kind, valued for their uniqueness and confident in who they are. They take pride in themselves and celebrate the achievements of others, demonstrating flexibility, energy and enthusiasm. We aim to empower girls to embrace challenge, promote a love of learning and encourage a sense of belonging. As a school, we foster and embody the values of excellence, integrity, and respect for one's self and others.

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Our motto, ‘fear nothing’, underpins all that we do. Sydenham High is selective and diverse, welcoming girls with wide-ranging talents and backgrounds into a close community, large enough to offer choice and flexibility but compact enough to ensure that no girl is overlooked.

Academic and pastoral excellence go hand in hand. Our girls are ambitious, open minded and possess an inner strength and self-belief to outstrip expectations. They are well-rounded, happy and down to earth at a school that is bursting with warmth, creativity, talent and excellence.

Alumnae include:
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Wimbledon High offers an outstanding education, with inspiring lessons and a rich co-curricular programme within a warm and caring community. We encourage edgy thinking, risk taking and lots of fun. We’re proud to do things a little differently – from stand-up comedy nights to our new creative 11+ assessments. Our aim is to prepare students for an unknown future where intellectual agility, creativity and problem solving will be key, so that they can stride out into the world and shake it up.

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