

GDST

GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST



25 schools. One family.

Where girls learn without limits



You want the best for your daughter. That's why choosing the best school for her is so important.

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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.

Cheryl Giovannoni
— CEO





Where girls learn without limits.

The GDST is uniquely placed to help girls make the most of today's, and tomorrow's opportunities.

These are exciting times for girls. Age-old barriers are being broken down and opportunities are opening up like never before.

There's no better time to take advantage of an exceptional education at a GDST school.

As specialists in girls' education, we tailor our teaching to the way girls learn best, and instil in them the conviction that there's no limit to what they can achieve.

In our schools, academic excellence is a given. But GDST girls also learn to be confident, resilient and fearless, so our girls are equipped for the opportunities and challenges of the future.



Centre of excellence

Supporting schools so they
can do what they
do best: teach.

GDST schools are leaders in their field, in part because they are backed by the expertise and resources of the Trust. We bring teachers the latest ideas, innovations and insights in education; we invest in new facilities and the right people to build on our aims; and we encourage collaboration between schools so everyone benefits from each other's insights.

We also help our schools with finance, governance, HR, marketing, buildings and maintenance.

In short, the GDST provides support so schools can focus on what they do best: teach.



Girls come first at GDST schools

Everything in a GDST school is tailor-made for girls.

Bespoke teaching, with individual lesson plans and course content, allows each girl to discover and optimise her strengths. Yet at the same time we champion collective endeavour and mutual respect – qualities prized in the wider world and which create a positive learning environment.

This has led to a strong academic performance across all age groups in GDST schools, which regularly outperform state and other independent schools.

Tellingly, far more GDST girls than average choose to study the sciences and maths. It's a sign of how confident our students feel and how immune they are to stereotyping.

At the same time, we value critical thinking, creativity and the humanities.

At the GDST, we understand that your daughter doesn't just learn in the classroom. She also learns in the playground, on the playing field, in the drama studio, in the debating chamber, out camping in the wild or exploring the city.

Beyond the classroom

GDST classes may be inspiring, but students can't learn everything by sticking to the curriculum.

Extracurricular interests deepen knowledge, build soft skills and expand comfort zones.

That's why your daughter will find clubs covering all manner of subjects in every GDST school. Whether they're sport related, or music, science, film, robotics, technology, or anything you could think of.

We also hold our own unique events to bring schools in the GDST family together, in the spirit of friendly and supportive competition.

For example, there's our annual Techathon which showcases digital innovation, junior science and maths conferences, and a whole series of 'Inspire' events during Sixth Form.



Doing well is being well

The GDST and its schools are not only attuned to how girls learn but also to how they feel.

Our pioneering partnership with the Positive Project, developed by a leading psychologist, gives teachers and students the tools and knowledge to be happy and balanced.

Every school also has an on-site nurse or counsellor, and from the early years right through to Sixth Form we encourage girls to understand and express their emotions.

We care deeply about our girls as people, not just as pupils, and we're passionate about helping them become emotionally literate in today's sometimes pressurised world.



Your daughter is unique. She has her own individual personality and needs. At a GDST school, she will be known and cherished as her inimitable self.

Prepared for the future

These are exciting times for
GDST girls.

It is our responsibility to prepare girls for a rapidly changing world.

Already equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take on any challenge, GDST girls can also take advantage of our unique CareerStart programme to hone the life skills that are so highly sought after by employers.

Also, GDST Insight Days offer her the opportunity to explore many diverse companies – from aerospace and engineering to banking and media.

Even after your daughter has finished school there's still nowhere quite like the GDST.

The GDST proudly offers girls the country's most extensive contacts book, the GDST Alumnae Network of over 70,000 women. Our pioneering runway app allows your daughter to connect with, and seek advice from, GDST alumnae in a huge range of different professions.

In other words, whatever her chosen path in life, the GDST can walk it with her.



Bursaries and Scholarships

GDST girls come from all walks of life – that's why our schools are so vibrant.

Bursaries and scholarships are key to this. It's an incredible privilege to be able to transform the lives of gifted girls from less affluent backgrounds.

We offer both bursaries and scholarships to help towards fees. In fact, we have one of the UK's leading bursary schemes, with 1,100 bursary-holders currently in our senior schools and Sixth Forms.

Scholarships are awarded for academic, sporting or artistic merit, while bursaries are based solely on the family's financial situation.

For more information please visit gdst.net/bursaries



A GDST Girl

Our girls thrive because we understand, more than anyone, how girls learn and develop.

Our girls enjoy a first class education, thanks to our inspirational teachers.

Our girls regularly outperform their peers in state and independent schools.

Our girls are supported through their education because pastoral care is as important to us as results.

Our girls benefit from a huge array of clubs, sports and events, all part of an enriched curriculum.

Our girls are part of a family of 19,000 other girls, some 70,000 illustrious alumnae and over 3,500 teachers and staff.

GDST girls have the spirit to succeed.



The UK's leading family of girls' schools



GDST schools in London

- 1 Blackheath High School
- 2 Bromley High School
- 3 Croydon High School
- 4 Kensington Prep School
- 5 Northwood College for Girls
- 6 Notting Hill & Ealing High School
- 7 Putney High School
- 8 South Hampstead High School
- 9 Streatham & Clapham High School
- 10 Sutton High School
- 11 Sydenham High School
- 12 Wimbledon High School



GDST schools and academies outside London

- 13 The Belvedere Academy, Liverpool
- 14 Birkenhead High School Academy
- 15 Brighton & Hove High School
- 16 Howell's School, Llandaff
- 17 Newcastle High School for Girls
- 18 Northampton High School
- 19 Norwich High School for Girls
- 20 Nottingham Girls' High School
- 21 Oxford High School
- 22 Portsmouth High School
- 23 The Royal High School, Bath
- 24 Sheffield High School for Girls
- 25 Shrewsbury High School



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the GDST, and how we can help your daughter make her way in the world happily, healthily and confidently.

To find out more about our schools please visit us at: gdst.net

Or contact us below to find out more

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