



ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL
BATH

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Girls making their mark

Independent day and boarding
school for girls aged 3 to 18

Our girls grow. They grow in confidence as we support them in uncovering talents, taking the initiative, making waves, pursuing their passions and reaching new heights.

We help them be the best they can be today and in their lives beyond school, as they leave a positive mark on the world.

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“We help girls develop the qualities to succeed in today’s fast-paced world.”

A welcome from the Head

Girls’ schools today have an important role to play in enabling young women to reach their full potential and make their mark on the outside world.

With its long history of specialising in girls’ education and reputation as a warm, supportive and stimulating school, I am very excited to be taking on the Headship of Royal High School Bath.

I have been impressed with how well the staff know and care for each and every girl encouraging them to flourish through an education that ensures excellence as well as diversity of experience.

The balance of a nurturing but challenging environment is key to our girls testing themselves to realise what they are capable of and to inspire them

as successful, fulfilled young women of the future.

I look forward to welcoming you to Royal High School Bath so you can see and feel for yourself what makes us so special.



Mrs Kate Reynolds
MA, PGCE
Head



Where girls learn without limits

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

The Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) is a group of 25 schools across England and Wales, uniquely placed to help girls make the most of today's opportunities.

The GDST doesn't just focus on academic credentials: it develops character. In our schools, girls learn without limits and are equipped to be confident, resilient and fearless.

As experts in educating girls we recognise that, for a variety of reasons, girls learn differently. So we have created environments in which every girl is able to thrive. We are committed to helping every girl fulfil her potential and her dreams, and gain the knowledge and social skills to flourish.

Our bursaries programme allows us to give gifted girls a GDST education, regardless of a family's financial circumstances. Currently, we provide over 1,000 of these life-changing bursaries nationwide.

Happy. Healthy. Confident. Balanced. GDST girls will make their mark on the world in their own way and on their own terms.

You can find out more at www.gdst.net



We nurture, support and inspire

At the Royal High School Bath we're proud to put girls first. As a school family we're committed to bringing out the best in our girls, and put their needs at the heart of everything we do.

They enjoy the freedom to grow their self-confidence and independence, along with the challenges to aim higher and achieve what they want in the wider world.



OUR Nursery

Your daughter's first experience of school should be about excitement and adventure. During our girls' time in Nursery, we see them make discoveries, develop their imagination, gain confidence, build friendships and experience the joy of learning.

Our youngest girls enjoy the light, open spaces of the beautiful Cranwell House, where they can explore at their own pace. Girls are encouraged to be hands-on learners, not be afraid to make mistakes, and interact with the world and people around them. Whether they're discovering rhythm and sound in the music shed, experimenting with food in the discovery room or building a den in our woodland area, every day brings new challenges and possibilities.

OUR Prep SCHOOL



It is a privilege to lead an inspirational school which encourages girls to explore and develop in a safe, secure, but also exciting environment.

We are very fortunate to have the award-winning Cranwell House and its eleven acres as the setting for our thriving school. It is a real hidden treasure in Bath. Here, our girls have the space to grow and the freedom to explore and develop a real thirst for knowledge. Spending time outside as well as indoors is a brilliant way to inspire young minds, develop real life problem solving skills, experience teamwork and collaboration. It certainly ensures there is never a dull moment!

Our school is built on the principle that every girl is known to all. We have

specialist teachers from Nursery to Year 6, along with 'book friends' for younger classes and clubs. These allow the girls to mix across the age ranges and leads to a warm family feel. Every girl's voice is heard and every girl's opinion valued.

We help the girls to develop into resourceful, resilient and independent learners. Girls who have confidence, self-belief and a good moral compass. These are all qualities that will help them thrive as they move through life and aid them in aiming higher than they ever thought possible.



Mrs Claire Lilley
BEd. (Hons, Cantab)
Head of the Prep School

“Our girls have the space to grow and the freedom to explore.”

Learning
and growing
every day



Cranwell House is a stunning setting for your daughter's Prep education, where girls can explore, discover and challenge themselves.

Pastoral care and a strong sense of family are at the heart of our school. Whatever year group your daughter joins, she will find friendship and support in a happy and caring environment, and benefit from small class sizes. Our members of staff are dedicated to developing girls' personal strengths and talents and are there to support any individual need.

Our 'Cranwell Curriculum' is based on the Reggio Emilia approach, and is designed to be engaging, diverse and girl-centred. It focuses on creative approaches to learning, helping girls develop independent thinking and enquiry-based learning skills, whilst growing their understanding of the world, citizenship and collective responsibility.

Our 'Learning to Learn' philosophy describes the skills our girls need to become self-confident learners. These skills can be summarised as 'the 5 R's' – resourceful, reflective, resilient, risk-taking and relationships. This philosophy is part of daily life at our Prep School, helping our girls grow up as considerate individuals with a positive attitude who always try their best.

The joy of exploring new skills

Girls have so many opportunities to develop skills that go beyond the curriculum. At our weekly 'Inspire' sessions mix year groups together for activities covering topics such as coding, navigation and engineering. Leadership and working collaboratively is encouraged from an early age. Girls have the opportunity to get involved in school council, become an eco-warrior and, in Year 6, support staff as part of our team of prefects.

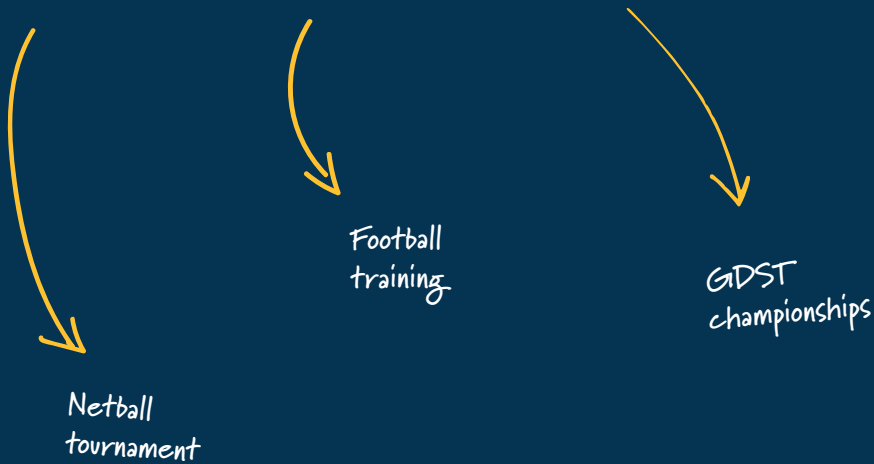
Acting, singing, dancing and the great outdoors

Our timetable is designed to allow time for performing arts and languages, so girls can build on their individual talents. Our specialist teachers and performing arts facilities help the girls experience the joy of performing and the wonderful sense of achievement this brings. Peripatetic instrumental lessons are built into the school day; from piano to violin, voice to harp, there's an inspiring amount of choice.

Come rain or shine, you'll find a year group out and about learning in our beautiful grounds. The practical, hands-on nature of learning outdoors creates memorable experiences, helping our girls develop a strong relationship with their environment. It could be growing vegetables in our upcycled greenhouse, or performing Romeo and Juliet on the outdoor stage. That's not forgetting our Celtic roundhouse made from wattle and daub, our outdoor kiln, or our water bottle greenhouse!

→ Dance show

Playing with skill, passion and a smile



Sports and activities

Our expert coaches and instructors help our girls fulfil their sporting potential. Starting with basic skills and a fun environment, girls develop and are soon ready for team sport, with competitive matches, inter-school fixtures and festivals introduced from Year 3. Each term we also hold house competitions, and finish the year with a whole-school sports day and a swimming gala.

We build on the wide variety of sports and activities offered in Physical Education lessons through our extracurricular programme. Along with co-curricular ball games, sports and athletics, we offer all-inclusive gymnastics training. Girls can be part of specialist squads for GDST events such as cross country, swimming and gymnastics, giving them the opportunity to be stretched and reach their full potential.



Ready for the next step

By the time the girls reach Year 6, they'll be very familiar with our Senior School site and the teachers there. The Prep School teachers will make sure the girls are fully ready to continue their journey and take on the exciting challenges ahead.



OUR Senior SCHOOL

Within our impressive buildings and grounds just outside the city centre of Bath, our girls are adventurous in their thinking and their own ambitions - they also support each other and achieve high academic standards. This is what makes our Senior School such a happy, secure and successful place.

Questioning and challenging today's world

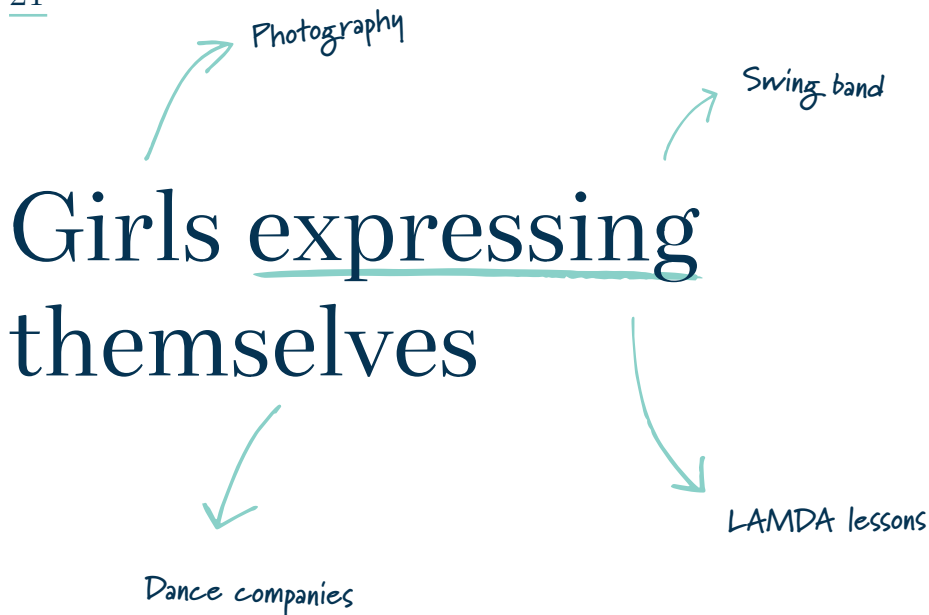
We use current research on how girls learn, develop and thrive. Here, every girl can do more than she thought possible, and go on to excel personally and academically. Creative thinking and academic rigour are at the heart of our teaching and curriculum, from Music and Mathematics to Mandarin and Computer Science. Learning is active and often collaborative, reflecting the modern way of working in our global society. Our girls develop the ability to tackle real-world issues. We help them learn how to write with passion and precision, speak their minds effectively, and present with power.

As the only school in Bath to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma, as well as traditional A levels, we offer a rich Sixth Form experience. Our international mindset and focus on independent learning run through every element of teaching in our school.

The Aspire Programme

Girls have the opportunity to join a variety of programmes to help expand their knowledge and skills to become leaders of the future. The Aspire Programme, run by our Head of Academic Extension, is designed to stretch students across all age ranges, encouraging them to become independent and intellectually curious young women. This programme consists of three strands: Extension clubs and activities, the Aspire Lecture Programme and Oxbridge discussion groups.





Whether it's coming up with a new idea, working innovatively around a problem, using her imagination or being resourceful, creativity is nurtured throughout our curriculum.

Art plays an important part in both intellectual and creative expression, and in our school spans painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and photography. A wide range of projects encourages girls to experiment and challenges them to develop their own style.

In our outstanding Design and Technology department, girls use laser cutters, 3D printers and a 4 axis router to help them produce work of the highest standard and propel them towards careers in Design, Technology, Engineering and Architecture.

RHS girls achieve nationally recognised scholarships; recently these have included the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship and HSBC awards.

Our Music and Performing Arts

Music is an integral part of our education here, and every girl has the opportunity to get involved, whether it's as a performer or composer. Alongside the music curriculum, more than thirty-five concerts take place during the school year. A brand new music school and state of the art recording studio will be completed by January 2020, and to celebrate this, we will become a prestigious Steinway School.

Many girls have continued their studies at institutions such as the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Royal Academy London and Royal Northern College of Music.

Performing Arts equip girls with the flexibility and resilience for life. Through Dance and Drama, our girls grow in confidence as well as ability. They also have the opportunity to perform in our dedicated performance spaces, and many of our girls are selected to perform with local and national theatre groups.



Our brand new music school and state of the art recording studio provides music with no limits.

Playing for each other

Teamwork at RHS is not just on the sports field, it's a positive way of thinking and responsible way of behaving. From beginners through to elite performers, every girl makes a contribution and makes a difference. Every girl belongs.

Alongside structured PE lessons, girls join in with a wide range of lunchtime and after-school sporting activities. We continue to invest in our sports facilities, adding to our excellent sports hall, fitness suite, netball courts, tennis courts, hockey astroturf and outdoor swimming pool.

A higher level of competition

Strong athletes are a distinctive feature of sporting life at our school. Girls have gone on to represent the county and region, and more recently have gained international honours. We also have members of PE staff who have played sport at the highest level and hold international representative honours.

As part of the Girls' Day School Trust we have unique opportunities to take part in many GDST tournaments. Competitions are held in gymnastics, dance, cross country, netball, hockey, tennis, cricket, athletics, golf and swimming. Our girls also regularly compete in many local and national competitions as well as against other schools in the area.

Our girls take the lead

In every team there's the opportunity to lead, and every girl at our school can lead in her own way, be it in Sport, Drama, Music, Science or Languages. Girls could be an elected form leader or part of a charity committee, or they could be a house leader, dance captain or part of the prefect team.



“We’re encouraged to get involved, to enjoy all sports. It’s great being part of different teams.”

Grace, Year 10

“It’s so hard to put into words... but I know that my daughter would not be who she is without the school. She is growing daily, and she is achieving more than I could have hoped for. I can see a very bright future for her and that is down to the staff at the school, who are driving her forward to achieve her very best.”

Senior School parent



OUR Sixth Form

“Greater freedom and different ways of learning are essential preparation for university life.”

Our aim in the Sixth Form is to offer the most fulfilling experience possible, along with the widest range of opportunities to try new things. Our girls get a great deal of personal satisfaction and enjoyment from the challenges overcome and experience gained along the way.

Our Sixth Form girls are given the independence to make their own choices. Lessons are taught in smaller seminar groups, allowing each girl to participate more actively. Greater freedom and different ways of learning are essential preparation for university life and the teaching styles of higher education.

Girls going from strength to strength

Girls can take on the commitment of leadership roles in the Senior School as well as Sixth Form. These roles are a great way for girls to immerse themselves in our community, as well as good practice for skills needed in the wider world.

Above all, the Royal High Sixth Form is a warm, happy, friendly place. Whether continuing with us from Year 11 or joining from another school, our girls and their passions, achievements and plans for the future are celebrated and fully supported. Students who leave our Sixth Form are confident, well rounded and versatile young women, who are equipped to make their mark in modern society.



The International Baccalaureate creates an individual pathway

We are the only school in Bath offering the International Baccalaureate, our pupils can choose between A levels and the IB Diploma.

This means students can study the courses best suited to their abilities and strengths. Both the IB and A level routes allow students to pursue their passions and give entry to the highest-quality universities in the UK, Europe and beyond.

Students are given individual guidance and support when making the decision about which route is best for them.

Common rooms

Café

Dedicated spaces to learn and relax

Sixth Form garden

Library

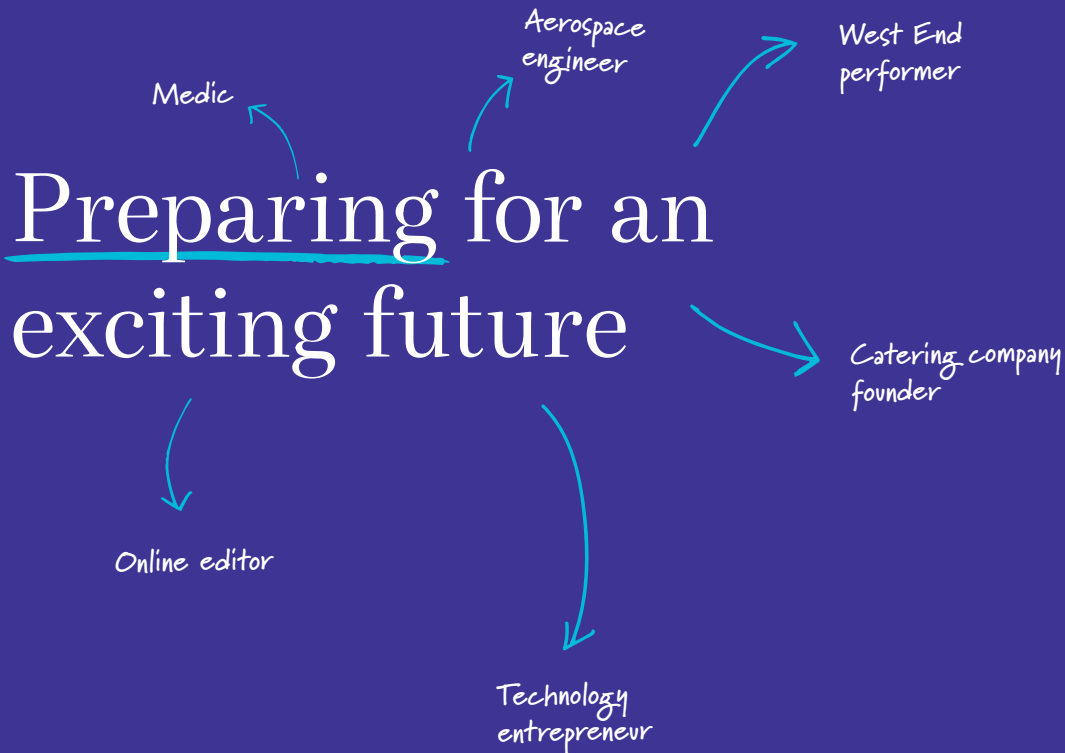
Developing a broader set of skills

Our girls thrive on the freedom and opportunities to develop a sense of self-awareness and self-confidence. In addition to their A levels or IB Diploma, they will study an enrichment subject, as well as useful life skills.

If students choose the A level route, they'll be introduced to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This is seen as increasingly important by universities, and holds more weight in UCAS points than a standalone AS level. Within IB, Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) are essential elements that every student must complete alongside their academic studies.

There's also a whole host of development opportunities and events week to week that students can access and take advantage of, from lecture programmes and debating sessions, to Litlunch and TED talk showings.





Our girls go on to pursue different passions and specialise in a number of exciting, innovative and important areas – within higher education and into their working lives.

Every girl is given a tutor, who will nurture and challenge her, and offer the support needed to flourish in her final years at school. Students also work with our dedicated team of staff for higher education and careers support. Career interviews begin in Year 12, all the way through to results day in the summer of Year 13. Girls can count on valuable advice, effective feedback and practical help every step of the way.

During the autumn term of Year 13, every student applying through UCAS is interviewed. This conscientiousness means many of our girls receive five offers before the formal UCAS deadline. Whether aiming for Oxbridge or other universities, looking to enrol in a specialist college for Art, Music or Drama, or pursuing a career in sports, we're there to give our students the best preparation possible.



“I had an amazing time at the Royal High School and made friends for life. RHS gave me the confidence to follow my dreams and become a professional actor and performer. I gained a sense that there were no limitations to what I could achieve and that my place in the world was justified.”

Rhiannon, Class of 2009

Rhiannon Neads of Stiff and Kitsch, winner Musical Comedy Awards 2018, runner up Funny Women Comedy Writing Award 2017.



Our boarding houses

Joining our welcoming community of boarders will not only help your daughter develop her sense of confidence and maturity when dealing with life's challenges, but also establish a network of friendships that will last a lifetime. We take great care to nurture every girl's individuality and help her become an independent young woman with the courage and talents to embrace opportunities that come their way throughout life.

Home from home

Described as 'chic' by The Good Schools Guide, our boarding accommodation is contemporary and comfortable. Located in the splendid neo-Gothic main building, School House is a warm and nurturing home for boarders aged 11-16 where they are supported both pastorally and academically. Gloucester House is our Sixth Form house where girls enjoy single or twin study bedrooms, spacious communal areas, a large kitchen and quiet study spaces. Here, they benefit from greater independence and freedom to prepare for life after school, yet remain integral to the boarding and school community.

Our exciting programme of weekend and evening activities encourages our boarders to try new adventures, bond over shared experiences and ultimately have fun. Walk around our beautiful campus out of class hours and you'll see girls playing hockey on our

all-weather pitch, working together on extracurricular projects or indulging their passion for piano.

Boarding based around you

To help you find a balance of school and home life that works for your family, we offer a range of boarding options including full, weekly or flexi. For weekly boarders, a train service between Bath Spa and London Paddington is available.

Our boarding teams are also happy to accommodate the needs of occasional stays for all RHS students.



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