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PREP PROSPECTUS



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The Preparatory Department of the City of London School for Girls is a very special and magical place where girls thrive before our eyes as they develop a love of learning, knowledge and discovery.

The remarkable achievements of this distinctive area of the school are gained through a three-pronged approach to the education process:-



welcome

We have a broad, balanced and innovative curriculum that blends the best primary practice in essential subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, History, Geography, ICT, RE, PE, PSHCE, Music, Art and Drama) with exciting new developments (four modern foreign languages - Spanish, French, German and Mandarin Chinese - alongside increased grammatical awareness through explorations into Latin and Classics) and even an academic options programme.

For two periods each week, children can choose which courses they follow, selecting from an exceptionally diverse and exciting menu. At the time of writing, possibilities include Mythology, Current Affairs, Philosophy, Physical Theatre, Needlecraft and Indian Language and Culture.

Many of our lessons are taught in small groups (one registration group is often taught by two staff, so group sizes can be around twelve girls) and a significant proportion of each form's timetable capitalises on the expertise and equipment of the senior school. Time allocated to sport is generous, with all girls in Prep enjoying weekly Swimming, Gym, Dance, Games and Drama lessons. We try to make sure that at least one period per day is spent being active and exercising away from the classroom!



2 The second area of provision that is very important to us is our programme of clubs and activities.

Every child sings in one of our two Prep Choirs and all pupils who learn a musical instrument play in the Prep Orchestra. A very wide range of sports and other activities is offered every lunchtime and after school on some days. These pursuits include swimming, netball, gym, tennis, diving, fencing, football, cricket, chess, Scrabble, creative arts, archaeology and drama.

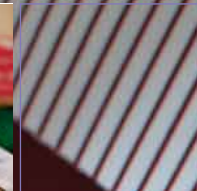


3 The final vital ingredient in our recipe for motivating and successful education (in the widest sense of the word) is our programme of trips and residential visits.

Our location in the heart of London means that it is simplicity itself to leave the school building behind and capitalise on all opportunities offered in this exciting and vibrant capital city.

Each class enjoys at least one trip every half-term and many have four or five. Venues include theatres, museums, galleries, exhibitions and historic houses. If we have the chance to take part in something, we grasp it with both hands! For example, girls from the Prep congratulated Her Majesty the Queen when she enjoyed her birthday celebrations at the Guildhall and many of our children were amongst the first in the country to read 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' when they attended the book's midnight launch at the Natural History Museum.

A number of our trips extend over several days and these residential excursions include adventures on the Isle of Wight, geographical and environmental investigations in Somerset, living history in the North-East and cultural explorations of France.



Sept

U1-trip to British Library
All classes-visiting speaker on electrical safety
L2/U2-visit from author Leander Deeny
All parents-curriculum briefing evenings
Archaeology Club-trip to the Museum of London
Sport-7 netball matches played against various schools

Nov

U2-theatre trip to 'Buddy'
All classes-visiting storyteller John Harris
L2-performance in the Lord Mayor's Show
All classes-whole school Remembrance event
All classes-preparation and publication of Prep Christmas card
U2-trip to 'Britain at War Experience'
All classes-fundraising events for Prep charities

Dec

L2-trip to National Portrait Gallery
U1/L2/U2-Gym and Dance Displays
All Classes-theatre trip to Barbican to see 'Hansel and Gretel'
All Classes-performance in our own Christmas pantomime 'All Baba and the Four Tea Thieves' and concert
All Classes-Carol Service
Sport-Novice Gymnastics Competition and Carita House Gymnastics Competition, 3 swimming matches

Jan

All classes-theatre trip to the Young Vic to see 'Amazonia'
L2/U2-visit from Young Shakespeare Company to perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
Archaeology Club-trips to the Museum of London
Sport-1 football match, 4 swimming matches and Primary Schools Swimming Gala

Feb

L2/U2-4 day residential trip to France
L2/U2-Primary Mathematics Challenge Final Round
All classes-Valentines Disco
All parents-informal meetings with staff over breakfast
Sport-5 netball matches, 2 netball tournaments, Novice Gymnastics Competition, Floor and Vault Competition and Sports Acrobatics Gymnastics

Oct

All classes-walk to school month
L2-theatre trip to 'The Terrible Tudors'
U2-week-long residential visit to Somerset
L2-visit to Barbican library to meet illustrator Mary Dickinson
L1-trip to the Museum of London

March

All classes-musical concert at Cadogan Hall
All classes-performances at Prep concert for parents and friends
All classes-visiting speaker from Great Ormond Street Hospital
All classes-fundraising for Great Ormond Street
All classes-Easter Egg Hunt
L2-spend a night on the Golden Hinde

May

All parents-visiting speaker Sue Palmer, author of 'Toxic Childhood'
L2/U2-four-day residential trip to Newcastle, York and Hadrian's Wall
Archaeology Club-trips to the Museum of London
All classes-fundraising for Send A Cow International
U1-Cycling Proficiency Courses offered by the City of London Road Safety Team
Sport-7 rounders matches and internal gymnastics competition

June

L2/U2-participation in the London Youth Games
U2-trip to the Science Museum
U2-trip to London Zoo for Junior Citizen event
All classes-performances in the Prep Opera for parents and friends
Sport-2 swimming matches, 2 rounders matches and Prep Sports Day

April

Archaeology Club-trips to the Museum of London
L2-DARE graduation ceremony with the City of London Police
L1-trip to the Geffrye Museum
U2-trip to the Museum of London
Sport-2 swimming matches and 6 rounders matches

July

Sport-Mini Youth Games (various sports such as swimming, tag rugby, football)



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