



St Hilda's School  
Harpenden



## St Hilda's School - Nurturing the individual

Welcome to St Hilda's, a vibrant, happy community with a unique atmosphere, where everyone is valued for their individuality and each girl strives to achieve the best she can.

Our girls receive a first-class education in our spacious facilities, encompassing a huge range of experiences across a varied and creative curriculum. Academic rigour, coupled with carefully differentiated and independent learning, allows each girl to maximise her potential whilst individual goals and talents are encouraged, stimulated and nurtured.

However, school life isn't all about academic learning. We are a family community and aim to foster the qualities of good manners, respect for others and for ourselves. Developing self-confidence and self-worth are very important to us, and our pupils go on to the next stage of their life and education fully prepared for the future. Our world is changing fast and we seek to prepare our girls for this, whilst ensuring they are courteous and considerate citizens. A child who is happy and secure in school is one who will thrive and thereby achieve.

I hope that our prospectus gives you a flavour of life at St Hilda's - the spirit, energy and enjoyment that make it such a special place.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Daniel Sayers,**  
Headmaster





Our youngest pupils are encouraged to be curious about the world around them, thus developing a strong foundation upon which to develop as they progress through the school.

***"The thought that is put into everything in Early Years is astounding, and how they make learning look effortless and fun is a great skill."** Current parent*





At St Hilda's we follow a wide-ranging, carefully tailored curriculum which is designed to stimulate and support all learners, whilst fostering an enquiring mind and a desire to broaden horizons. Lessons are inspiring, challenging and above all, fun.

In addition to core subjects, specialist teaching is offered in Computing, Languages, Drama, Music, PE and Art and Design and Technology. Our philosophy is simple, that every girl aspires to be the best that she can be.

We aim to achieve the highest standard of education in a happy, safe and purposeful working environment, instilling in all pupils a love of learning, independent thinking and good manners.

Our staff strive to encourage each girl's individuality, developing talent and ability to the full.



*"It is really important to be prepared not only for secondary school but also for life, and St Hilda's certainly prepares you for that." Form VI pupil*





*"I adore St Hilda's because it is an exciting, caring, loving place to be and you feel safe and happy there." Form VI pupil*

Our pastoral system is an important and highly successful feature of the school and our mentor system allows close collaboration between pupils and staff.

The Playground Squad enables our older girls to inspire confidence and provide support to pupils at break times.

Our School Council provides a forum for pupils to give their opinions. Members are elected each term from Form III upwards.

*"I like St Hilda's because it is like one big family and we all get along with each other." Form V pupil*



Whether an aspiring scientist or a budding creative artist, St Hilda's has something for everyone. Our excellent facilities enable the girls to experience a quality environment which fosters the learning process. Specialist areas allow for breadth and enrichment across the curriculum.

Opportunities exist for all girls to celebrate their skills, whether through collaboration, competition, expression or performance. Self-confidence is developed and promoted at every stage.

Sport is an important part of school life too, and sporting endeavour is celebrated in many ways. Teamwork and individual skills are maximized to encourage physical development.



*"St Hilda's feels to us more like a family than a School. It has succeeded in creating a fantastically warm and nurturing environment without doing so at the expense of academic success and our girls have thrived as a result. For us, St Hilda's really does deliver a first class all-round education." Current parent*



Fostering close links with the local community enables our girls to appreciate a sense of belonging, whilst celebrating the diversity of our national culture. Working within a Christian ethos, we seek to engender tolerance and an awareness of others in society, instilling important values for the future.



We have a dynamic and supportive parent body. Being part of the St Hilda's family is a happy and rewarding experience where active participation is encouraged.



Every girl goes on to the next stage of her educational journey with confidence, ready to build on the strong foundations started with us and aiming to succeed in all that she does. Equally importantly, a St Hilda's girl carries with her a wealth of happy memories that set the standard for the years ahead.



*"We feel without any doubt that moving our daughter to St Hilda's was the right decision and she has literally transformed before our eyes."  
Current parent*







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Independent Day School for Girls (3 - 11 years)

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