

Championing the Pioneers



**CITY OF LONDON
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As our world is altered forever by Coronavirus, and shaped by continuing environmental, social and technological change, we will give City students the tools to re-invent and re-shape our world. This is a school which constantly encourages a spirit of creative criticism, of empathy, and intellectual and purposeful play. This is a place where difference is celebrated, sustainability engrained, and agile thinking is inculcated.

In order to have a pioneering community, our bursary fund is crucial. Diversity in the student body, encourages greater creative thinking and empathy, ensuring all our students leave City with a true understanding of the diversity in wider society.

It is our insistence that our students be truly pioneering that will equip them to tackle our most pressing global challenges.

Jenny Brown, Headmistress

Our space

City of London School for Girls is an independent day school for students aged 7-18 situated in the heart of the Barbican. From our inception, as an ambitious girls' school in Victorian London, we have been pioneering. The school provides an outstanding education to able students from all backgrounds, cultures and faiths. We capitalise on our location to attract pupils of conspicuous potential from all over Greater London and beyond, and give them access to every learning opportunity our capital has to offer.

Academic yet unstuffy, modern yet acutely aware of its history, diverse yet with a strong sense of identity, our school defies easy categorisation. This is best demonstrated by our unique geography, nestled between the Brutalist Barbican and looming Roman walls. This is a refreshing and modern place in which to learn.





“Our location in the heart of London opens up so many opportunities. For instance, last year I had the opportunity to attend the annual Tacitus lecture held in the Guildhall by the World Traders, about the potential future impacts of Artificial Intelligence [...] Following the lecture, I was part of the school team that went on to win the subsequent public speaking competition on the same theme of artificial intelligence. Representing the school in this way was a great experience, which improved both my academic knowledge and my teamwork and confidence.”

Megan, former bursary recipient
Now studying Economics at
Gonville and Caius, Cambridge



Our impact

Today and in the future, we need to educate our pupils to be effective citizens in a digitally connected world. They will need a greater understanding of how to make the most of advances in technology and a changing workplace. In an information-saturated world, we also recognise the enduring role which the arts and humanities will play in inspiring critical thinking, creativity and, ultimately, wisdom.

We believe it is students with these attributes who will be best empowered to make a positive contribution in our fast-changing society. Critical to the realisation of this vision is our unique diversity. It is a diversity that stems from our past and our values, and from our commitment to ensuring that ability to pay is no barrier to accessing an education which is ranked among the very best in the country. The examination results speak for themselves, but our exciting co-curricular enrichment programme, as well as our outstanding nurturing support, ensures that our students are equipped to thrive at university and beyond.

Highlights

Our academic success places us among the highest performing academic schools in the UK:

- At A Level, students achieved a three-year average of 47% A*, 82.9% A*-A across 2017-9
- EPQ and HPQ projects: 100% graded A*-A in last three years. Recent areas of research include Alice, music and maths; women and prison design; E-coli and antibiotic resistance; and the Nile and dynastic power
- At GCSE, the proportion of A* or 8-9 grades was 83%, placing us in the top ten schools nationally.
- Every year, over 30% of our pupils are accepted into Oxbridge, Ivy League universities and medical schools

We provide **outstanding pastoral care**: kind, bespoke and individualised support courses through our veins. Whether it be to a counsellor, tutor, head of year of 'big sister', there are numerous people to whom students can take their concerns.

We encourage **scholarly exploration** for its sake way beyond the demands of the formal curriculum.

- There are over 123 clubs and societies, often led by our impressive sixth formers, and which cater for a wide range of groups and interests. These include Pride Soc, Asian Society, Islamic Society, Fem Soc, Jewish Society, Neurodiversity Society and Christian Union.

- We have an ambitious speaker programme, both enhancing the academic life of the school as well as providing inspiration for future careers eg Tom Hooper, film director.

- There are regular student-led events or conferences including recently, for example, a women in physics conference, a climate change panel and a student-directed production of The Winter's Tale

- We regularly perform extremely well in national and international competitions; the European Youth Parliament team has made it through the national finals to the international session three times since 2016, for example. Likewise the Robotics Team has recently achieved five national awards.



We capitalise on **our unique space** in the City to offer an extraordinary wide range of co-curricular opportunities to create pioneers of the future.

- There are, on average, 100-day trips and 35 residential trips a year.

- Our commitment to charity work and the creation of culturally and socially aware young people – eg, longstanding partnership with Street Child, a charity working towards universal basic education; most recently, raised over £400 for Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust in one day as part of Black History Month celebrations.


- The sports department runs an average of 100 clubs per year and compete in an average of 260 fixtures/competitions a year. We have been national finalists in gymnastics and cross country for the past five years, and national champions in cross country in both 2015 and 2017.

- Music. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent euismod diam quis mauris maximus gravida. Nulla vitae mattis mauris.

“We are all encouraged to get involved in the things we care about and voice our opinions. For me, politics is one of my greatest passions and [...] I’ve been able to take part in a range of things within school which have enhanced this. Being part of the European Youth Parliament team was an invaluable opportunity to be able to learn more about policy within the EU and how countries can cooperate to deal with specific problems. Our team was able to represent England at the national finals in Switzerland – a fantastic experience [...]. From debating at LSE and the Oxford Union, to getting professional coaching and judging junior competitions, I have become a better debater and developed a skill which I am confident will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

Rania, former bursary recipient
Currently in 3rd year of PPE at LSE,
after taking a mid-degree year out to
run the student wing of the Labour
Party as its National Chair





“The opportunities [City] has provided me are endless [...] I was part of the Young Enterprise programme, presenting our company’s presentation at the Google headquarters here in London [...]

I’ve been working with the Prep school, helping with their Archaeology Club at the Museum of London, which means I get to assemble medieval skeletons with seven-year olds for hours at a time – and yes, that is my idea of fun! Their ‘Young Osteo-Archaeology’ programme is the first in the country, a completely unique opportunity, giving me the chance to speak to experts in the field”

Elena, former bursary recipient
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City pioneers

City of London School for Girls has always created pioneers, who go out into the world and make remarkable contributions to our society.



Dinah Rose, QC

Dinah Rose is a barrister who studied at City in the 1970s and 1980s. Her work has included many ground-breaking equality, human rights and public law cases. In 2006, she was appointed Queen's Counsel. In 2020, she was elected President of Magdalen College, Oxford, the first woman to hold the position since the college's foundation in 1458.

Dame Georgina Mace, DBE, FRS

Georgina was a pioneering scientist who studied at City in the 1960s and 1970s. In 2000, Dame Georgina became Director of Science at the Institute of Zoology, during which time she developed a ground-breaking new criterion for listing species in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's endangered species list.

For her services to science, Georgina was appointed a Dame in the 2016 New Year Honours and received the President's Medal from the British Ecological Society, for developing vital tools which have created scientific-based policies 'to combat species loss'.



Our opportunity

In 1881, successful manufacturer William Ward left a bequest in his will for the opening of a girls' school. During a period of rapid social change, he understood the power of education to support social mobility. Today, his vision lives on in our approach to bursaries.

City provides tangible proof that needs-blind access creates a thriving community where students can achieve, irrespective of their background. In 2020-21 with the support of donors and matched funds from the City of London Corporation, we are funding 103 pupils, (16 per cent of pupils), on bursary places.

However, every year we are still forced to turn away pupils who deserve a City education, simply because we do not have the funds to support them. Our aim is to support every academically able student, regardless of her background.



How your support will help

£19,404 will fund one year's tuition and fees for a student who would otherwise be unable to afford our outstanding education

£38,808 will give a student a transformational opportunity to join our sixth form for two years.

£135,828 will give a pupil a life-changing chance to be educated at one of the top schools in the UK from year 7 to year 13.

Every donation, no matter how small,
brings us closer to funding another bursary
place and achieving our ambition of never
turning a deserving student away.

As the City of London School for Girls bursary fund is a registered charity (number 276251) we can reclaim tax on any gift donated by a taxpayer and your gift will be automatically increased by 25%. In addition, the City of London Corporation provides generous match funding.

If you're a UK taxpayer, we can reclaim the basic rate of tax you have already paid on your donation. This means that a £1 donation is worth £1.25 to us. If you're a higher rate taxpayer, you can also claim back the difference between higher rate and basic rate tax on the value of your donation. For a 40% rate taxpayer, that means for every £1 you donate, you can claim back 25p in tax relief. If you are a limited company, you can claim tax relief by deducting the value of your donations from your business profits before you pay tax. Moreover, contributing to City girls' bursary fund has an added advantage as the fund receives generous match funding from the City of London Corporation.

Help more girls to be future pioneers

Today, we have a real opportunity to secure the financial support we need to transform future generations. We are reaching out to our wider school community and beyond, to help us remove the barriers that currently prevent some of the brightest girls across London from benefiting from our life-transforming education. We want to unleash their potential. In the future, CLSG girls – through their pioneering spirit, compassion and moral agency – will shape our world and lead our society. We want you to be part of that adventure.

