



**ST JAMES**  
Senior Girls' School

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE ROLE**

The St James Schools were founded in 1975 for girls and boys from 4-18 years of age. The Junior School and Senior Girls' School share the same site at Olympia and the Senior Boys' School is located in Ashford, Surrey. The schools have grown significantly throughout the years and now have approximately 950 pupils between them. There are also several affiliated schools around the world.

The Senior Girls' School is an independent, two-form entry, day school for girls aged 11-18. Our Junior School pupils transfer to us at Year 7 and we admit a further 20-25 pupils at 11+ from other schools. We moved to our current site in September 2001 and enjoy excellent facilities including a self-contained Sixth Form Centre located nearby on the North End Road.

We offer an education which nurtures and enriches the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development of our pupils. Our happy, united atmosphere provides the ideal environment for every girl to discover her own unique combination of strengths and talents and to 'be the best she can'.

St James girls are industrious, open-hearted and courageous; they work together, enjoying others' successes as well as their own. They achieve the highest academic standards and are also encouraged to develop strength through self-discipline and an ability to live according to an intelligent understanding of what is wise and true. Regular opportunities for stillness and quiet enable pupils to learn to be at ease with themselves, to appreciate the value of being fully present and to develop their ability to concentrate.

St James is not a denominational school but provides spiritual enrichment by drawing on the wisdom from our world traditions. Pupils are encouraged to enquire into the great questions of human existence and apply this wisdom to the challenges of daily life, sharing their findings with one another.

Our pupils come from a variety of spiritual traditions and none: this philosophical approach demonstrates how the wisdom at the heart of these traditions has the capacity to unite us all. There is no requirement for a pupil to adopt any particular doctrine or belief but she will be encouraged to live generously, honestly and with integrity. Our teachers have excellent subject knowledge and give their time generously to support the well-being and development of their pupils. Relationships throughout the school are extremely positive and are characterised by a spirit of love, trust and mutual respect.

**For further information, please visit our website: [www.stjamesgirls.co.uk](http://www.stjamesgirls.co.uk)**