



Old Palace of John Whitgift School

Independent Girls' School

Old Palace of John Whitgift is an academically selective independent school for girls aged 4 - 18 years.



Old Palace of John Whitgift is a unique school blessed with magnificent buildings, situated in the historic heart of Croydon.

We identify, encourage and nurture the special qualities of each and every girl entrusted to us. Our surroundings also stimulate girls to develop and flourish in ways beyond the reach of conventional education.



Academic Excellence

The Old Palace Curriculum is unashamedly academic, catering specifically for students of above average ability across all year groups. It continually evolves and develops in

response to the ever-changing world around us and is designed to ensure that students are equipped to apply for the top universities once they complete their Old Palace journey.

We offer traditional, well-respected subjects at GCSE, iGCSE, AS and A level. We are confident that this programme ensures that students can access the maximum number of UCAS points for university entry whilst maintaining their individuality and pursuing their own interests. In addition students can study for Sports Leaders Awards, Arts Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as enter nationally recognised competitions run by universities and organisations such as the Royal Academy of Art, the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, the Society of Biology, the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Royal Geographical Society.

In our latest **ISI Inspection** we have achieved the **highest possible rating available for Nursery, Preparatory and Seniors.**

Learning is at the heart of our School

We aim to equip learners with the confidence, skills and knowledge needed to lead independent, successful and happy lives in an ever-changing world.



CLASSICS DEPARTMENT

Classics is a thriving department at Old Palace. Latin is compulsory for all students in Years 6-9. In Year 6, the girls study *Minimus*, giving them a grounding in some basic Latin. With the fresh intake in Year 7, we begin again with the Cambridge Latin Course.



Latin is offered at GCSE, as are Classical Civilisation and Classical Greek. The latter is taught as a twilight subject, meaning that it is available to more able students as an additional qualification. Numbers opting for our subjects are always good and although smaller in Years 12 and 13, there is generally up-take of all three subjects.

For GCSE, AS and A' Level we follow the OCR syllabuses.

Extra-curricular opportunities include a Classics Club for Key Stage 3 students. We host a very popular Classics Quiz Night every autumn term for Years 9 and 10, to which we invite students from local schools. Every other year, we run a Latin Masterclass to introduce a little Latin and a lot of myth to Year 5 and 6 students from both Old Palace and other schools.

For the older students, there are theatre trips and museum trips, often linked to material they are studying. We occasionally have external speakers on Classical subjects; sometimes one of the



Department will give a talk as part of the School's lunchtime lecture series. Every other year, there is a trip abroad: the last one was a joint trip with the Geography department to the Bay of Naples.