



ST MARGARET'S
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

A LIVELY AND SUPPORTIVE
COMMUNITY WHICH CHALLENGES
AND INSPIRES GIRLS TO BE THE
BEST THEY CAN BE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Why Choose a Girls' School?

St Margaret's School for Girls is the only school in the north of Scotland catering exclusively for girls. Established in 1846, St Margaret's has a long, established history in Aberdeen and is highly regarded as one of Scotland's leading schools. We offer a well-rounded, first-class education to girls.

All of our girls are challenged and expected to 'be the best that they can be'. We understand girls and their learning styles, and aim to give each one the confidence and competence to fulfil her potential today, and for the rest of her life.

- Girls' schools build confidence, assertiveness and the ability to shape and voice girls' own opinions. There are positive role models, with many women leaders.
- Research proves that girls learn best when they can feel confident, competent and happy.
- For girls, the emotional atmosphere in the classroom must be right to ensure good progress. Teachers at girls' schools can focus on this.
- Teamwork, motivation, partnership and multi-tasking, which are all recognised as key strengths of girls' schools, encourage girls to become successful leaders, capable of juggling many tasks at once.
- Girls want to do well. They respond positively to being treated as individuals. Teachers in girls' schools play a very important part in encouraging high expectations.
- Girls' schools produce leaders, rather than followers. Dame Tessa Jowell (a former St Margaret's pupil), Esther Rantzen, Dame Stella Rimington and Anita Roddick all attended girls' schools.
- Fifth and Sixth Year pupils in girls' schools are almost twice as likely to take physics and chemistry at Higher and Advanced Higher level as girls in a co-educational school;

80% more girls continue with modern languages and 70% more with mathematics. These subjects are particular strengths of girls' schools. Research shows that boys ask most of the questions in mixed-sex science lessons and take charge of apparatus in practicals.

Useful Information

School Uniform

All pupils at St Margaret's have a school uniform, including the Nursery children. Year groups are served by uniform handbooks, which are available to download from the website or may be requested from the marketing department. We have two uniform suppliers: John Lewis on-line and Kikin' Klothes, which operates a shop from within the school (currently open on Thursday 3-5pm). Our PE kit is from Kukri and supplied by both Thistle Sports and Aitken & Niven in Aberdeen.

School Hours

All children (excluding Nursery) are expected to be in school by 8.30am. The school bell rings at 8.40am for registration and assembly. The official school day ends at 3pm for all children up to 6 Junior and 3.40pm for 7 Junior pupils and seniors. Girls in 7 Junior finish at 3pm on Friday only.

During games afternoons, the school day may be longer, but advice about this will be given at the start of the school session.

Nursery starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm, with half day and full-day sessions available. Pre- and post-school care is available.

School Houses

All children at St Margaret's belong to one of our three Houses. Each House is named after a local Scottish castle and is headed by a member of staff:

Kildrummy

Kildrummy House is named after the great castle of Kildrummy, 35 miles west of Aberdeen, which, even in its ruined state, is a very fine historic monument.

Crathes

Crathes Castle, owned by the National Trust, was built by the Burnett family in 1553 and, unlike the other two castles that represent Houses in St Margaret's, is still standing intact today.

Dunnottar

Situated on the cliffs near Stonehaven, Dunnottar Castle is an impressive sight. It is well worth a visit, even if you are not a member of Dunnottar House.

The girls can win points for their house by completing various activities, competing in sports events and demonstrating an 'above and beyond' attitude. Each girl hopes that her house will win the House Shield at the end of the year.

“This is, we think, an
outstanding school.”

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Class Sizes

We are a small school by design and we enjoy small class sizes. Our average class size in the Junior Department is approximately 18. In the Senior School, class size is dominated by subject choice: in some classes there may only be a couple of girls studying the same subjects, and one-to-one tuition at St Margaret’s is not unheard of.

School Website

Our school website, www.st-margaret.aberdeen.sch.uk, has a wealth of information about the school.

School Address

17 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB10 1RU

Charity Registration Number

St Margaret’s School is a registered charity with OSCR (Reg. No. SC016265).

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