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Welcome to More House

I am delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to More House School. This is a truly special place where tradition and innovation unite to create an exceptional educational experience.

At More House School, our mission is to cultivate an environment where pupils can excel academically, exhibit kindness in all that they do, develop essential life skills, and embrace their unique strengths and talents.

We are committed to independent education, grounded in the belief that every child has unique gifts and aspirations that deserve to be nurtured and celebrated.

Within our historic walls, we create a supportive and forward-thinking atmosphere that encourages each pupil's growth. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity, promote critical thinking, and instill a global perspective. By balancing academic challenges with a variety of co-curricular activities, we nurture girls to become compassionate, confident, and responsible citizens, equipped with the resilience and purpose needed to face the complexities of the modern world.

Our central London location offers a unique and stimulating setting, where pupils are surrounded by endless opportunities for exploration and inspiration.

From world-class cultural institutions to the vibrant life of the city, our girls thrive in an environment that fosters a lifelong love of learning.

What truly sets More House apart is our deeply caring and inclusive community, where every pupil feels valued and supported. Our dedicated staff are committed to nurturing the academic, social, and emotional wellbeing of each girl, helping them reach their full potential in every aspect of life.

I look forward to meeting with you and welcoming you into the More House family.

C Phelps

Ms C Phelps
Head

Courage to Dream, Confidence to Achieve

> “What I love about More House is that as a pupil you do not feel pressured to do well, but rather you want to do well in everything you do because you are made to feel that you have every capability of achieving what you want”
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> **Year 9 Pupil**

Years 5 to 6

The mind of a nine year old is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled. The nurturing environment at More House is the embodiment of this phrase. Our teachers support each individual, working to inspire the girls and instill a life-long love of learning, in preparation for their journey into Year 7.

At More House, our Pre-Senior girls study an array of subjects including English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, PSHE, Computing (ICT), Art, Physical Education, Music and Modern Foreign Languages. Religious Studies is taught in accordance with the diocese's planning framework.

The 'Even More' creative programme has been designed to inspire and build upon the foundations learned in the classroom. By taking advantage of what's on our doorstep, the girls are able to explore a plethora of museums, galleries and outdoor spaces to include the National History Museum, Science Museum, Hyde Park, South Bank, and the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Years 7 to 11

We seek to nurture girls who have a natural curiosity and a spark for learning. Our goal is to cultivate a genuine love of learning that stays with them throughout their lives, empowering them to grow academically, emotionally and personally.

Whilst achieving strong exam results is important, a More House education goes far beyond this. We encourage each girl to explore new subjects with passion, embrace new academic challenges with confidence, and think critically by questioning the world around them.

The 'Be More' programme is an initiative designed to help pupils reach their full potential both academically and personally. It offers tailored support through two main strands: academic and co-curricular. Academically, the programme provides challenging curriculums that foster critical thinking, debate, and perseverance, aimed at achieving excellence. The co-curricular strand offers a diverse range of clubs and activities, along with opportunities to engage with guest speakers from various professional fields and participate in university and cultural visits. The programme is inclusive, allowing girls to join through recommendations of staff at any stage, ensuring they receive the guidance and opportunities needed to grow in confidence, resilience, and purpose.

Sixth Form

For Sixth Form pupils, we build a curriculum to suit the individual. Small class sizes means that teachers and pupils have strong bonds and we are able to meet the needs of each pupil, and adapt our offering regularly to reflect the interests of our current cohort.

At More House, pupils can study between two and four A Levels or Cambridge Technicals with the majority studying three. Subjects are taught by specialists, offering pupils the opportunity to continue their favourite subjects while exploring new areas like Business Studies, Psychology, and Politics.

Outside the academic curriculum, pupils are encouraged to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Creative Leadership Ethical Enterprise Programme (CLEEP), Careers Education and Super Curriculum. There is also flexibility within allowing pupils to supplement their A Level with the EPQ.

We know each one of our pupils extremely well which means we offer individualised and informed advice when it comes to looking forward to next steps beyond school.

Exploring The Arts

More House girls are encouraged to pursue their dreams outside of the classroom, whether that be on the stage in a Drama performance, in the Art Studio or singing in the Choir. We inspire our pupils to explore new experiences, broaden their horizons, and discover passions that may guide their future paths, becoming lifelong pursuits.

Art

The creative process is what underpins the Art and Textiles curriculum at More House. Lessons are taught in our light and airy studio spaces, where pupils are taught the traditional skills of drawing and painting but also more experimental techniques that utilise the formal elements of art. This allows all girls to access the curriculum and create outcomes that are creative and highly personal. Pupils are encouraged to enter various Art competitions such as the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show.

Drama

Drama at More House is an inclusive and creative hub of learning, both on and off stage. Pupils thrive in our welcoming studio space, with compulsory lessons for girls from Years 5 to 9, and GCSE and Sixth Form options proving a consistently popular choice. Our offering is varied and includes whole school musicals, performed on a West-End stage, a more intimate school production performed in our studio and a myriad of clubs run through the year. Our theatre trip offering is multifaceted and includes trips to see big West-End musicals, The Royal Court and also backstage tours and opportunities to watch tech rehearsals for new productions. This learning extends to the classroom where pupils learn not only key acting and performance skills but also directing, costume, make up, lighting and sound design.

Music

The Music department is a vibrant hub of creativity and talent. With exceptional Music tuition across brass, percussion, woodwind, and strings, we offer instrumental lessons for all abilities. Our broad and innovative curriculum covers composition, performance, and music history, giving pupils a holistic musical education.

Our outstanding extra-curricular programme provides pupils with unparalleled opportunities. The annual Music Tour is especially popular, with previous tours taking pupils to Los Angeles to perform at prestigious venues such as Universal Studios, Disneyland and St Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The range of clubs on offer caters to a variety of tastes, from contemporary groups like Rock Band to classical ensembles like Chamber Orchestra, Key Stage 3 Choir, and Senior Chamber Choir. We are proud to have provided music for services at Santa Croce in Florence and to have sung for Pope Paul VI's beatification ceremony, showcasing some of the remarkable achievements of our pupils.

Sport and Co-Curricular Opportunities

Sport

Co-curricular Sport and Physical Education forms an important and essential part of the well-balanced education offered to all More House pupils. It provides the opportunities for pupils to broaden their horizons and look beyond the classroom. Every girl in the school is afforded a rich programme of team activities, clubs and trips to select from, which are on offer before, during and after the school day.

The programme is run by a dedicated and highly skilled group of staff and external coaches, a number of whom have played sport at high level or more importantly achieved significant success as a coach.

Netball, hockey, football, rounders, rowing and athletics all feature within the competitive clubs schedule. Each year group enjoys a busy programme of fixtures played against other local independent schools.

Sport at More House is rigorously structured but sympathetically balanced, offering a broad range of activities but maintaining its core belief that sport should be about participation and enjoyment. If competitive sports are not your thing, then a host of excellent clubs such as dance, fencing, running, tennis and badminton provide activities for all to excel at and enjoy.

Co-Curricular

Individuality is embraced across the clubs and societies at More House, ensuring there's something for every girl. Whether you're an aspiring scientist, a language enthusiast, a keen gardener, a film aficionado, a budding psychologist, a debater, an economist, or a poet – we have it all. And if you don't find a club that suits your interests, why not create your own!

Nurturing the Individual

Pastoral Care

More House has an outstanding reputation for its exceptional pastoral care, which is built on a foundation of respect, compassion and dignity in all interactions and relationships between staff, pupils and parents.

There is an enormous value placed on the relationship between the Form Tutor and pupil. Each girl's Form Tutor is their main point of contact and maintains an overview of their progress, both academic and personal, as well as providing day-to-day pastoral care.

We have a comprehensive PSHE programme that is delivered each week. Topics are delivered by a number of our staff and expert speakers with topics including online safety, healthy eating, emotional resilience and positive relationships.

Learning Support

In order for the girls to reach their potential, happiness and self-confidence as learners, we adopt a whole school approach to learning support. Our teachers are aware of the different needs of pupils and are able to differentiate lessons dependent on the pupil and class.

By focusing on the individual, we are able to offer a bespoke education to all. Staff at More House pay equal attention to cognitive and emotional factors, offering an integrated approach. We are also able to draw upon the services of a range of external practitioners, where required. This may include, for example, educational psychologists, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, art therapists, music therapists and psychotherapists.

Where London is Our Classroom

Being in the heart of London, More House is perfectly positioned to use all that the city has to offer as an extension of our school building. From Hyde Park serving as the perfect site for scientific exploration, to world-class museums and exhibition halls being on our doorstep, London's modes of public transport are our school corridors.

We make the best of all that London has to offer and we claim these special places as our own, providing as many opportunities as possible for our pupils to enjoy them, learn from them and think bigger than the four walls of their classrooms.

Once each Half Term, pupils from Years 5 to 9 are taken off timetable for a City Curriculum Day. These days are cross-curricular in nature and give our girls the chance to explore what they are learning in lessons, bringing the outside world into their understanding of all they are discovering within the classroom.

More than a Catholic School

Ethos and Faith Life

Founded as a Catholic School in 1952, we are incredibly proud of our heritage and ethos. Welcoming pupils of all faiths and none, we actively celebrate our diversity as a community. More House girls are encouraged to be big thinkers and to act compassionately within school, the local community, and society.

We are fortunate to have our own Chapel, where regular weekly services are held for girls and staff. Catholic pupils celebrate Days of Obligation when they fall within the school week and the school also celebrates St Thomas More's Day, which is a real highlight of the year.

Our 'Faith in Action' programme is an integral part of school life, providing the girls with a moral and social compass for life. Pupils meet each week to plan and execute termly events, both within school and wider community projects.

> Pupils experience learning about many different cultures, languages and religions through the curriculum, assemblies, and a range of other activities. Pupils listen to one another and are tolerant and respectful of others and celebrate their diversity

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