



FRANCIS HOLLAND  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

*A Lifelong  
Love of  
Learning*





FRANCIS HOLLAND PREP PROVIDES A WARM AND CARING ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL GIVE YOUR DAUGHTER A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF HER EDUCATION.



We are committed to instilling happiness and confidence. Your daughter will be encouraged to be fearless, to be brave and to have a go, no matter how great the challenges before her.

She will feel inspired and valued, and her natural curiosity will be transformed into a love of learning that will last a lifetime.





# A Warm Welcome

Welcome to Francis Holland Preparatory School where our warm, happy and welcoming community enables girls to thrive. We enjoy continuing the academic legacy of the stunning Old Chelsea Library with our pupils who love learning, discovery and adventure.

Our academic curriculum builds the strong core foundation that is essential preparation for our pupils' chosen senior school. We are proud that our 11+ leavers move to many outstanding schools in London, including our two Francis Holland Senior Schools, and beyond.

Opportunities are plentiful within lessons that include music, drama, ballet, art and sport, and FHP Foresters. Our extensive range of clubs and trips give girls the chance to try something new or master a skill they have already begun to learn.

Our inspiring teaching staff know each individual child, allowing them to feel safe to be ambitious, take risks, learn from their mistakes, and aspire to be the best that they can be. Strong values and aims, especially kindness and empathy, underpin this ethos, fostering good friendships and an understanding of the world around us.

Alongside all our staff, I look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful school.

**Suzy Dixon**  
Head of Francis Holland Preparatory School



A TWO-FORM ENTRY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AGED 4-11, FRANCIS HOLLAND PREP IS LOCATED IN ICONIC PREMISES JUST OFF THE KING'S ROAD IN THE HEART OF CHELSEA.

Dating back to 1890, the 20,000 sq. ft. Grade II listed Victorian building was initially home to a public library. This historic local landmark now combines its educational heritage with modern learning spaces.

The wealth of impressive facilities includes the original Chelsea Library, a spacious School Hall with staging, a specialist STEAM facility and an extensive outdoor play area.

Francis Holland Prep is part of Francis Holland Schools Trust with sister senior schools, Francis Holland, Sloane Square and Francis Holland, Regent's Park.







# A Curious Mind

**We recognise the importance of the early years of your daughter's education, and we aim to foster a lifelong love of learning by sparking her curiosity with a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum. She will thrive on creative, thought-provoking learning from teachers who will develop her natural curiosity, enabling her to flourish both academically and socially.**

The curriculum is designed to offer academic stretch and challenge to every girl. Your daughter's lessons will enable her to build strong foundations of knowledge and understanding through a variety of pedagogical practices.

Girls are encouraged to be brave and have a go, no matter how great the challenges before them. They become motivated to discover their own learning strategies and passions. They learn to debate with gusto, reflect on the world around them with empathy, solve problems creatively and appreciate the bigger picture.









# A Caring Community



Every girl at Francis Holland Prep is valued for who she is, her own unique skills and abilities, and is supported by a comprehensive wellbeing programme which builds resilience, confidence and character.

Our small class sizes ensure that every child feels known and loved, cultivating a happy and nurturing environment, whilst also promoting the values of kindness, respect and care for one another and the world around us.





# A Creative Spark

**The creative arts are an integral part of daily life at Francis Holland Prep, and we are delighted to have won the national Muddy Stiletto's Best Schools Dynamic Performing Arts Award 2025.**

Drama is a vibrant dimension of school life and girls develop skills such as collaboration and confidence by taking part in group performances, assemblies, concerts and numerous other school events.

Music is also embedded within every girl's education as we encourage all to achieve their musical potential with a vast array of performance opportunities. We offer hundreds of individual music lessons every week with a diverse array of instruments.

The wide range of ensembles available to our girls engenders confident, imaginative and joyful musicians.

Art at Francis Holland Prep stimulates creativity and imagination through a rich and varied curriculum covering sculpture, drawing, painting, printmaking and textiles.

Classical ballet, taught by Chelsea Ballet School, forms part of the curriculum in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 and is a popular co-curricular activity from Year 4 upwards. Ballet exams can be taken from Year 1 onwards.











# A Fearless Enthusiasm

Sport at Francis Holland plays an important part in the life of each child and your daughter will be encouraged to participate in a culture where effort, commitment and teamwork are rewarded. We offer a supportive, sensitive and inclusive sporting environment fostering a lifelong love of sport.

We have dedicated outside space and gym facilities for all onsite lessons, with netball fixtures played on the court at Francis Holland, Sloane Square. Nearby Battersea Park offers specialist facilities for netball, football and athletics for Years 3 – 6. Swimming lessons take place at Queen Mother Sports Centre in Victoria.



# Life Beyond the Classroom

**Our broad curriculum is complemented by a rich and diverse range of co-curricular clubs and activities, including debating, chess, languages, performing arts and sport. There is something for everyone, ensuring that your daughter has the opportunity to discover and develop her unique abilities beyond the classroom.**

Frequent trips around London and beyond form an integral part of life at Francis Holland Prep. These range from visits to parks and stately homes, to museums, galleries and theatres to fully enhance the girls' cross-curricular learning.

Francis Holland Foresters is our bespoke outdoor education programme that takes girls outside the

classroom to enjoy the nature around them, whilst benefitting from memorable learning opportunities.

Central to our mission as a school is the development of compassionate and community-minded young women who are globally aware.

We encourage our pupils to engage in charitable work in the local neighbourhood, as well as internationally, to instil a willingness to help and a deep awareness of the needs of others.

Charitable fundraising takes many forms, from cake sales and parent and pupil breakfasts, to enterprise fairs and even our Francis Holland Charity Dog Show!







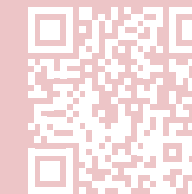
# A First Step

Francis Holland Prep provides an outstanding platform for entry to all leading senior schools – day and boarding. We are delighted that many of our Prep pupils choose to join our senior school at Francis Holland, Sloane Square in Year 7.

Our small class sizes, along with dedicated and experienced teachers, ensure that every child receives a high level of individual attention and is fully prepared to embrace the exciting next step in their educational journey.



To discover more about what makes Francis Holland Prep such a unique learning environment, please scan here:



For all admissions enquiries, please contact:  
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We look forward to getting to know you and your daughter during the admissions process.







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