



EDGBASTON
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

SENIOR

Our part in your daughter's journey

GIRLS FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SENIOR SCHOOL

Edgbaston High is an ambitious and thriving school with a focus on providing a broad, modern, enriching and inspiring education to ensure that EHS girls have the confidence, independence, motivation and ambition to succeed within and beyond the school.

At Edgbaston we acknowledge that a good education incorporates achieving excellent academic qualifications and our dedicated and committed staff enable the girls to expand their academic horizons and realise their potential. However, children should never be defined by their examination results and an outstanding education goes far beyond this; it is about inspiring others to aspire and achieve in multiple areas, and to enjoy the process of this as much as the end result.

Here we teach students to appreciate the impact that they have on others and particularly the responsibility that they have to give of their time, talents and charity to the wider community. We foster an environment where students can expand their minds, think flexibly, develop the skills of leadership that they all have within them, and grow as individuals.

Children should be, and deserve to be empowered, inspired and challenged throughout their education so that they leave school fully equipped to succeed in whatever they decide to pursue. From its inception Edgbaston High has recognised and celebrated everyone as individuals but has also understood the power of the community. We know that when students, staff, parents and governors are all working together the best outcomes are elicited for all. As Headmistress, the EHS girls never fail to impress me with their achievements and the genuine desire they have to help others. Edgbaston High truly is a school that lives by its motto 'Fideliter, Fortiter, Feliciter' (strongly, faithfully, successfully).

You are warmly invited to visit us so that you can see Edgbaston High for yourself and I very much look forward to welcoming you.

Clare Macro MA (Oxon)
Headmistress of Edgbaston High School

"There is a sound balance between pastoral care and academic performance; too many schools forget that building confidence and wider life skills enhance academic performance dramatically."
Quote from Parent Survey

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THE EDGBASTON ETHOS

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Our aim has always been academic rigour and the acquisition of a wide range of skills, knowledge and accomplishments, an ethos that sets us apart from many other schools.

A supportive, encouraging environment

EHS is a lively, positive and caring community that values every pupil as an individual and provides full encouragement and support from a united and committed staff. Together and individually, we work to develop every facet of your daughter's abilities and talents.

We offer a rich array of opportunities through a wide-ranging and progressive curriculum, and stimulating environment for extracurricular activities. EHS has a purposeful atmosphere for learning, encouraging personal and academic growth.

At EHS, your daughter can observe and practise the core values at the heart of our community: tolerance and respect, fairness and justice, empathy, co-operation and consideration for other people. With these values, she will be prepared and equipped not just to take her place in the wider community, but also to complement and enhance it.

"I feel like my daughter has had a giant arm wrapped around her since she joined EHS in September. This comes from teaching staff but also from the values that are instilled in the other girls in the School."
Quote from Parent Survey



PASTORAL CARE

Form Tutors work closely with girls to help them build on their strengths and interests and progress is monitored very closely. We encourage your daughter to take responsibility for her learning, and to value all her achievements.

Integral to learning and personal development

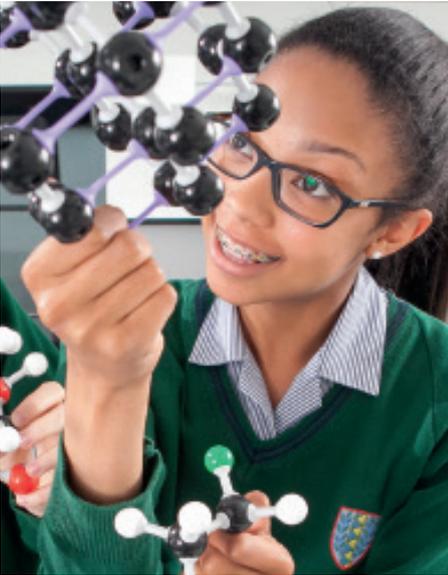
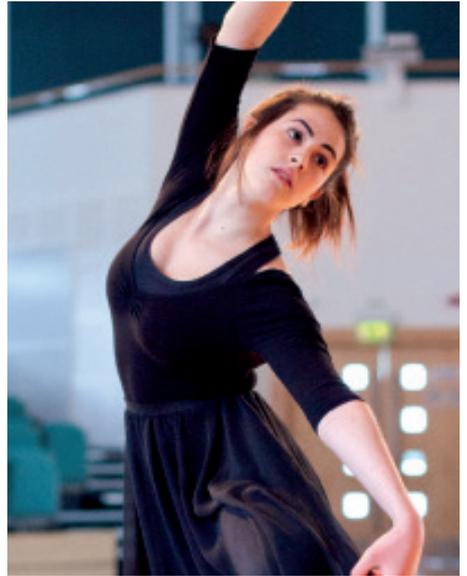
Pastoral care is an important part of life at Edgbaston High School, and it contributes to girls' personal development and academic success. With this in mind, we encourage them to get involved in sport, music, and other activities that complement academia, including a range of community-based initiatives. We aim to help your daughter identify, nurture and develop the skills she will need for a successful and satisfying life.

The importance of communication and community

The School maintains close contact with you throughout your daughter's time with us, and we ensure a continuity of care as she develops and progresses. We place great emphasis on our sense of community, for example, with Sixth Form pupils mentoring younger girls, and with all girls encouraged to contribute to decision-making through the School Council. The School Nurse and Doctor also make important contributions to pupils' welfare, and we have excellent links with community health organisations.

"The School meets its aim to provide a caring pastoral system highly successfully. The quality of relationships between staff and pupils is excellent, and those amongst pupils are strong and supportive. Pupils appreciate the support given by teachers and feel valued within the community." Independent Schools Inspectorate Report October

EHS is noted for its strong and distinctive system of pastoral care. We encourage your daughter to develop her talents in the widest sense, and we place significant emphasis on building her self-esteem.



KEY STAGE 3

Girls in Year 7 have the opportunity to try French, German and Spanish in the first term before choosing two to take forward.

Subject departments set regular assessment tasks throughout the academic year, and there are school examinations in most subjects during the middle of the Summer Term. We send parents the results of these assessments in interim reports at the end of the Autumn and Spring Terms, and in full reports at the end of the academic year. Form Tutors monitor each girl's progress, along with input from the Head of Year, and Heads of Department for each subject.

Much more than lessons and tests

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) and Careers programmes complement the curriculum and are designed to help girls develop values, knowledge and skills beyond academia, and to appreciate the importance of fairness and mutual respect.

"EHS offers an excellent curriculum – girls are of a broad ability range and yet the School manages to offer subjects and combinations that allow girls to do what is needed and then take subjects suited to them."
Quote from Parent Survey

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Key Stage 3 Year 7 is the first year of Key Stage 3, and girls study: English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, French, German, Spanish, Latin, History, Classical Civilisation, Geography, Religious Studies, ICT, Music, Drama, Art and Design, Food and Nutrition, Design Technology :Textiles, Physical Education (including Swimming), Study Skills and Mindfulness.





KEY STAGE 4

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Compulsory subjects comprise English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and at least two sciences from Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Most girls also choose to study a Modern Foreign Language (French, Spanish or German).

Your daughter will then choose from a wide range of optional subjects, taking their total number of GCSE subjects to ten. Options include Latin, Classical Greek, Classical Civilisation, Geography, History, Religious Studies, Music, Art and Design (Graphics and Fine Art options), Design Technology :Textiles, Food and Nutrition, ICT, Physical Education, Dance, and Drama. All girls also take Religious Studies, Physical Education, and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE).

Personalised progress and open dialogue

Throughout Key Stage 4, girls consult with Form Tutors and Heads of Year to set their personal targets and timescales for review, and we add a revision skills course in Year 11 to the curriculum.

The School looks to establish good relationships with you from the moment your daughter joins us. At the very least, we keep you informed of her progress through parents' evenings and a full annual report, but we welcome closer contact to support her academic and personal development. Individual consultations are always available, and we encourage openness.

All girls can extend their learning by studying additional GCSEs, such as Classical Greek or Further Mathematics.

"The vast range of lunchtime and after-school activities mean you will be spoilt for choice: Mandarin, hockey, Zumba, knitting, and Greek Club to mention a few! Every individual will find something to take part in, whatever their interest."
Year 10 pupil

Key Stage 4 covers Years 10 and 11, with a combination of compulsory and optional subjects at GCSE.



MUSIC

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Supporting individual and group performance

We have a fantastic purpose-built Music School, where around a third of our girls learn to play a musical instrument and enjoy regular opportunities to perform as soloists and ensemble players. We run many lunchtime and evening concerts for parents and the public, often in the Octagon, a versatile performance space that seats up to 600 people and allows the School's four choirs, four orchestras and bands to perform on a large scale.



EHS girls contribute significantly to Birmingham's strong musical reputation, and take part in the city's many youth choirs and orchestras. We teach music up to Advanced Level, and girls regularly proceed to degree courses at university or conservatoires.

DRAMA

Drama and Theatre Studies continues to grow, in the curriculum and beyond. Clubs, workshops and major productions feature prominently in the School's calendar, and as well as arranging regular theatre visits, we also invite theatre groups to the School.

In recent years we have introduced after-school Senior and Junior Youth Theatres, where girls work together across year groups, and all students have an opportunity to participate.



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The Drama and Theatre Arts department at EHS has built a deserved recognition and respect in educational circles – not just for the communication and team skills it helps to develop, but also for the insight and sensitivity it encourages.



ART

The Art Department encourages traditional drawing from observation and has a structured course of study from Year 7, with lunchtime activities organised by art scholars, and life drawing classes for Sixth Form students. We organise annual study visits to develop girls' knowledge and appreciation of the History of Art – in recent years we have visited Paris, Florence and Rome. The School also has a graphic design studio where girls can learn the specialist skills and techniques required for success at examination level, and this gives them firm foundations for related studies at university and beyond.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and fitness, and team skills, feature prominently here, and our girls benefit from superb facilities and equipment. Our experienced sports teachers are here to help girls find sports disciplines and team activities they can enjoy and excel at. Many pupils and alumni play at county, regional and national level.

[Giving every girl a sporting chance](#)

The School has on site a heated indoor swimming pool, a large gymnasium, a state-of-the-art fitness suite for all ability levels, an all-weather surface for hockey, netball and tennis, an athletics track and a cricket square. Girls also have access to badminton, fencing, football, lacrosse, lifeguarding and rock climbing.

In recent years the hockey and netball teams have toured Australia, Barbados, New Zealand and South Africa.

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EHS has a reputation for excellence in sport, and we see Physical Education as an important part of your daughter's time with us.





A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

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Girls are encouraged to pursue interests and activities that develop their talents, teach them new skills and test their initiative. It's also a great way for them to get to know their peers in the Sixth Form – many of whom run school clubs and societies, or have mentoring and advisory roles.

At School

The School has art, science, gym and dance clubs, plus more formal groups for debates and public speaking, and we take part in the Young Enterprise and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Schemes. Girls can also join the Technical Crew, and learn audio-visual, sound and lighting techniques to help with school productions – or join the Gardening Club and help tend the EHS allotment.

Further afield

In addition, we organise residential trips abroad and in the UK. These include activity trips for Years 7 and 9, ski trips for Year 8, field courses and cultural visits for GCSE and A-Level groups, and regular choir and sports tours.

We aim to give your daughter the chance to discover activities and pastimes beyond her studies that will enrich her life and expand her horizons. A wide range of extra-curricular activities are provided at lunchtimes and after school.

BEHIND GIRLS' ASPIRATIONS

Some might see EHS girl Amanda Huggins' passion for flying as out of the ordinary for girls her age. Maybe so, but she certainly doesn't see it that way – and her positive attitude and self-motivation are qualities we fully support and nurture here at EHS. They have helped her turn big ideas into reality.

Having shown a keen interest in aircraft while growing up, Amanda had her first flying lesson just after her 16th birthday, and has never looked back. After several months of demanding training and instruction, she became the youngest female pilot in the country to fly a helicopter solo.

As well as learning to fly, Amanda has also had to grasp solo navigation, meteorology, air law, instrument flying and the principles of flight. Amanda loves the freedom flying brings, and she recently spent three days touring Ireland by helicopter. Her hard work and commitment to her hobby have helped her secure a Private Pilot's Licence and a potential career in flying after university.

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“EHS has given me the confidence to step outside the box and do something exhilarating... now, for me, the sky's the limit!”

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

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Scholarships

Each year we award academic and music scholarships that cover up to 50% of a pupil's fees.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available to girls with financial need who show strong ability. Applications are made to the Headmistress, and are treated in the strictest confidence.

EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (EHSPA)

The EHSPA brings together parents from all parts of the School in a social setting, and holds several events throughout the year that raise significant funds for the School.

It also presents a Library Award each year, and joins forces with the Old Girls' Association to raise funds for the Initiative Award, presented to a current pupil or Old Girl to support a new business venture, a gap year experience, or charity work.

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EHS OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (OGA)

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We encourage girls to join the OGA when they leave the School to begin exciting lives in the wider world.

Kate Williams is a respected historian, best-selling author and TV presenter – and an Old Girl of Edgbaston High School. After school, Kate took a BA at Oxford, an MA in 18th Century Culture at Queen Mary, University of London and a DPhil at Oxford. She also took an MA in Creative Writing at Royal Holloway, where she now teaches.

Kate specialises in 17th to early 20th Century history, and has written books on Emma Hamilton and Queen Victoria, plus several novels. She appears regularly on radio and television, writes features and articles for various newspapers and magazines, and gives lectures to societies, events and literary festivals.

We were delighted to welcome Kate back as an inspirational guest speaker at a recent Speech Day.

"I particularly value the way the School encourages the older girls to support the younger ones to learn...it is a great way to build confidence and positive role models."
Quote from Parent Survey



"I had a great education at EHS and made friends for life. I particularly valued the support and encouragement of my teachers towards independent work and reading, both vital to my job as an author."



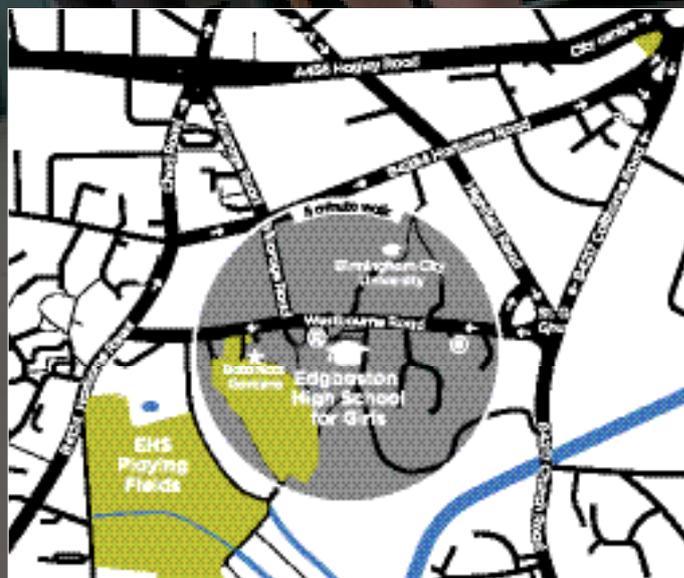
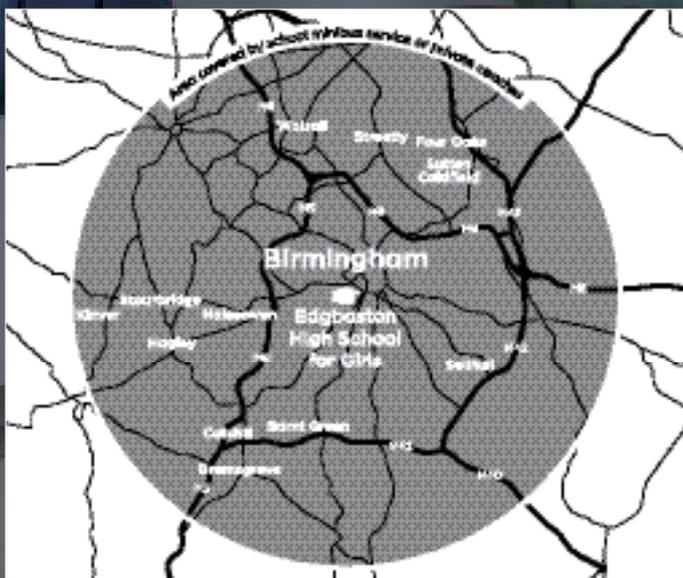


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Edgbaston High School is easy to reach by public transport. Alternatively, areas including Barnt Green, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Solihull, Walsall, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Streetly, Kinver, Stourbridge, Hagley and Halesowen are covered by the School's own minibus services or by private coaches organised by parents.

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