

## St Hilda's College

## The 6th Form @ St Hilda's











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Choosing a College is undoubtedly a big decision. We aim to make that decision easier by the support offered to students in Year 11 through a range of guidance interviews, taster days and support from current Year 12 and 13 students. Our reputation means that we also attract increasing numbers of students from other secondary schools. Whether you are an existing St. Hilda's student or new to the school, you can be assured of a very warm welcome to the College.

I am very proud to be the Head of a College that recognises every student as an individual, where difference is celebrated and everybody is valued for who they are. I was delighted that OFSTED recognised this during our last inspection:

We are a very close knit team in the College. Form Tutors work closely with students to help them achieve, if not exceed their targets. They are supported by myself, an Assistant Head of College and a College Manager (Pastoral). Our College is a Centre of Excellence and a great place to study. We all work hard in St. Hilda's to ensure every student has a positive experience through the support and care offered to each and every student. I am personally committed to ensuring that this is the case.

Roy Bellmon Head of College

#### OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR COLLEGE

Our Values: Hope, Equality, Community, Wisdom, Dignity permeate everything we do. Our students grow in faith, act with personal integrity and exercise moral courage.

Many of our students in the college have a Christian background, some are from other world faiths or have a non-faith background. Our college provides a supportive environment for all students to explore their faith so that they can come to their own mature decisions. We ask that questions of faith be treated with the utmost respect

The excellent pastoral and academic support arising from the Christian belief in the worth of every individual means that all are nurtured, supported and managed with compassion and attention.

SIAMS March 2017

#### SIAMS

Our SIAMS inspection graded us as OUTSTANDING across all areas.

## Welcome from the Head of College

My role in the College allows me to work closely with all students. I thoroughly enjoy being able to provide advice and support to such a great cohort of students. From the moment I started working here, I recognised what a special place it is. The staff are caring and thoughtful, the students are respectful and well behaved and the ethos is warm and friendly. I am proud to be part of such a great College and can honestly say that I look forward to coming into work each day. Maria Judge

College Manager (Pastoral)

It is my responsibility to support our students so that they achieve their full potential and have a rewarding and enjoyable experience while studying at St Hilda's College. My duties include coordinating the Extended Project Qualification and the High Achievers Programme. This is in addition to providing students with enrichment opportunities to develop key skills including leadership, research and team working. Working with our college students and assisting them to realise their aspirations, is both extremely rewarding and a privilege.

David Cain, Assistant Head of College

## Welcome from the Presidents and Vice-Presidents

Reflecting on my time as a student of St Hilda's I have always felt like I belonged to a community. The constant support from staff and students is something that eases the challenges of student life. From homework to coursework to any issues you may have, there is alwavs someone there to support and guide you. The transition I made from GCSE to A-Level was difficult, but Lfelt completely guided and supported every step of the way. Now, in Year 13, I am proud to call myself College President and I cannot express how pleased I am to have a pivotal role in helping to support others and encouraging our student voice. At St Hilda's College, we are one community with one goal, to strive to be our best. I'm pleased to say that everybody at St Hilda's is here to help you to do that.

#### Jessica Masih College President



I feel privileged to be one of the College Presidents of St Hilda's College. It is an amazing sixth form. which drives its students to push their academic abilities to the full in an environment where the staff and students work together, creating a loving family that supports and nurtures all students. Filled with enrichment opportunities that help further your chances of going into your chosen career, this college prepares you for the transition into adulthood. It further helps you to gain independence in the way you learn, identify yourself as an individual and most of all, shape you into the adult needed for your future.

Cyra Friday College President I'm very proud to say that I have been a St Hilda's pupil for seven years, and am extremely grateful for my time here. I've made wonderful memories reached substantial milestones and made amazing progress towards the life I envisage for myself. St Hilda's College is a wonderful and diverse community. Being College Vice-President means I can be even more involved, and I'm so grateful for this opportunity! St Hilda's welcomed me with open arms and helped me become who I am today.

Zahra Ali College Vice-President Having been here since year 7, St Hilda's has given me so many fantastic opportunities and experiences. The school and college are really like no other. With a tight knit, family like community, the staff and students all offer each other constant support and respect. This allows us all to thrive individually as well as together. The college has allowed me to discover what I want to do post-18 and has been a great support whilst I have been making this decision. All of the staff here want the best for the students and will always go that extra mile to help us achieve our goals.

Ruby Bains College Vice-President

With my future career in mind. St Hilda's College has supported my academic endeavours providing me with consistent opportunities and offering extra curriculum activities that challenge me to excel and exceed my potential. The tight knit community at the college is reflected in the attitude of both staff and students, ensuring a relaxed and happy environment. Our core values at St Hilda's are wisdom, hope, community, dignity and equality. Through working together, creating a strong support system and helping one another to achieve and exceed. I strongly believe our values are reflected within the college each and every day. It is so important that all students in the can be their own person, each and every one bringing individuality to the college where we can learn from each other. Our college allows me to be comfortable in being myself and is somewhere I look forward to attending every day.

Carys Scichilone College Vice-President



## Welcome from The Headteacher

Having over 25 years' experience of post -16 education, I can say that St Hilda's College is quite simply unique. A place where all students are valued and where the individual counts.

Students at St Hilda's shape the future of the college. We work together to make the experience of post-16 education relevant and rewarding, with an emphasis on enrichment. Standards are high and results are too. The relationship between students and staff is of particular note. St Hilda's is a family. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months as we share what makes us unique.

Jo Code Headteacher

## Why Study at St Hilda's?

Our unique selling point is the level of care and support we give to every student. St Hilda's has a superb reputation and its students lead through example. The majority of our students will study at top universities, supported by our knowledge and experience of the application process. Many of our students will go on to shape the organisations they work for, gaining top jobs with blue chip organisations. Many of our ex-students return to us to support St Hilda's students.

The sixth form has many strengths. Learners make good progress with their studies, and the qualifications they achieve enable them to take up places in higher education or employment. They receive high-quality support and guidance, and benefit from a range of enrichment opportunities, including work experience.

#### Ofsted 2015

I have been fortunate enough to have two daughters educated at St Hilda's College, one past and one present. The academic support is outstanding as is the pastoral support. My eldest daughter was encouraged to help set up a Peer Mentor Scheme, something which has led to her being an advocate for Children's Mental Health issues outside of the college. This was supported and attended by the College Leadership Team and the Headteacher.

My youngest daughter, was unsure of which path to take and was encouraged and helped with her decision by the college staff. They listened to her opinions and gave her the time and the space to make an informed choice.

By far the best thing about St Hilda's College is the staff running it; they are always there to encourage, comfort and listen.

Mrs Marrow – Parent

## High Achievers at St Hilda's

At St Hilda's College, we pride ourselves on enjoving success with all of our students. We recognise that one-to-one support is needed for all of our students such as students with additional needs and support programmes for our high achievers.

Our High Achievers benefit from the HE+ programme which complements our in-house support. The programme is run by Cambridge University and allows those students who are seeking to apply to Cambridge or Oxford. Russell Group universities or universities in other countries to develop key skills that will assist them with their applications. The programme includes interactive web based forums, contact with Cambridge academics, super-curricular subject sessions and a residential at Cambridge University.

The HE+ programme equipped me with invaluable skills to enhance my UCAS application and enhance my prospects with universities and employers. The experience enabled me to produce a group project on the sociological and psychological explanations of crime, providing me with key transferable skills such as; the ability to work as a group and convey my points eloquently and maturely to an audience. The HE+ programme offered a trip to Cambridge University, which allowed me to sit in on lectures in my chosen disciplines, experience university life and



gain knowledge on how to construct a strong personal statement. Overall, HE+ was a rewarding and enriching programme, which I believe has stood me in good stead for my future academic career.

#### Eleanor Jones



I was incredibly grateful to be given the opportunity to participate in the HE+ programme run by Cambridge University. Not only was this a fantastic social opportunity as I was able to meet and interact with other likeminded individuals from different local schools but I found it verv academically rewarding. The programme assisted me in writing my personal statement, allowing me to stand out and further aided my decision on the sort of course and university that was right for me and I therefore believe it was an incredibly beneficial experience.



Fran Burke

## Alumni



#### **MEGAN ROWLANDS**

I spent 7 years as a pupil at St. Hilda's, leaving in 2015 after studying Music, Mathematics, French and Geography for A-level and undertaking an Extended Project Qualification. I am now studying for a Master's degree in Music Performance. For me. St.

Hilda's College always had a very friendly atmosphere and I jumped at the chance to return to the school once a week to teach peripatetic music lessons. I know that I never would have had the confidence to do this had it not been for the encouragement and support that I received throughout my time at St. Hilda's. St Hilda's College is a family where everyone achieves.

French A Geography A Maths A<sup>\*</sup> Music B Extended Project A<sup>\*</sup> Music (BA Hons) 1st



#### JESSICA NOON

Studying at St. Hilda's High School from years 7 to 11 it was a natural fit to continue my education at St. Hilda's College. I couldn't have imagined a more attentive and dedicated staff helping me to fulfil my potential. I thoroughly enjoyed the educational and social aspects

of my time at St Hilda's. With the guidance of my teachers and the support staff. Lachieved 3 A grades at A-level. I also had the opportunity to challenge myself further at St Hilda's College by attending the NCS Programme, HE+ Programme, Access into Medicine programme and I took advantage of additional musical activities such as choir and orchestra. I carried out a very valuable Extended Project in which I managed to obtain an A<sup>\*</sup>. From St Hilda's College, I went on to The University of Sheffield to study Chemical Engineering, where I obtained a Bachelor of Engineering Degree, class 2:1. I am now living in London and working for B2B International, an innovative research company, and am still using and building on the skills that I acquired during my very happy time at St. Hilda's College.

Biology A Chemistry A Mathematics A EPQ A\* Chemical Engineering (Bsc) 2:1

#### **EMMA NORRIS**



and students. At A level, I studied Biology, Chemistry and Maths. I undertook an Extended Project Qualification where I researched, produced a report and presented this to teachers and students. This was related to Veterinary Medicine and allowed me to develop my skills further. I am currently studying veterinary medicine at Edinburgh University, which I am loving.

Biology A\* Chemistry A Mathematics A EPQ A\*

## Programmes of Study and Enrichment

St Hilda's College is proud to offer the right courses, excellent advice and guidance, alongside a bespoke work experience placement, a varied and exciting enrichment programme and pathways to university or employment. Our experience allows us to make sure that each student is on a programme of study that is aspirational and will help them to secure high quality employment or gain a place at a university of their choice.

With over 20 courses at level 3 to choose from, students have the opportunity to study a highly personalised curriculum, choosing from both academic and vocational courses at level 3/A level. There is also the opportunity to re-take English and/or mathematics if needed.

### What our students say about their experiences



The College has allowed me to continue with my extracurricular drama club at a local school by fitting my timetable around my enrichment studies. This approach has really helped my studies and allowed

me to build up valuable work experience hours alongside my A level studies to get the best college education possible. The balance of studying for my courses and committing to my drama enrichment is perfect for me so that I can have the best of both worlds and still enjoy study lessons to further my education. The support that I have received from both St Hilda's College and my work experience provider has been exemplary and is the reason that I am able to continue to develop in this college.

#### Sam Bannon



The PE department have helped me so much over the years that I have been in St. Hilda's. I have been a part of a very successful netball team and gained confidence and ability in sports. I am currently

studying PE in the college; this has allowed me to gain knowledge in things that I want to pursue in the future. The PE staff motivate me to do the best I can and to give my all, and this is what I try to do. It has allowed me to bond and create friendships with people with similar interests to me, which I think is helpful in a college environment. Studying PE has really helped my confidence, developed my ability in the subject and helped me believe that I can do anything I put my mind to.

Chloe Christopher



The Music department at St Hilda's College is amazing! The teachers are so supportive and are always ready to help whenever we have any troubles. The music department is all inclusive and is always enjoyable for everyone in school. I really enjoy both my taught lessons and all of the extra-curricular opportunities that the department give me, especially the Chamber Choir

and working with KS4 students in their Music lesson.

#### Luisa Pimentel



I joined the college at the start of year 12 from another school. I really enjoy PE because of the support I get from my teachers. They really help me to develop my skills along with my confidence. I enjoy the fact it is a BTEC qualification as there is more variety in the way I am assessed. I will use my qualifications to help me to study Sport at degree level in university.

Caie Power-O' Keeffe





St Hilda's College has been very supportive and encouraging towards the commitments I have competing in sports. Staff at St Hilda's are always understanding and allow me to work flexibly between my school work and sports. Outside of school I am completing my volleyball level one course, and after I will be volunteering to help out teaching students volleyball. The staff at St Hilda's

have helped me to manage my time effectively so I have time for my enrichment. This involves running an after school volleyball club for staff and students.

#### Ela Klaveness



After initially choosing my subjects, I realised that one of them was the wrong choice for me. The college staff helped me to look at the options available, gave me great support and advice that allowed me to make an informed choice as to which subject would be most suitable. I am really enjoying Business Studies and now feel that my subject choices are the right ones for me.

**Bobbi Marrow** 



## Enrichment at St Hilda's College

Sixth Form receive highquality support and guidance, and benefit from a range of enrichment opportunities, including work experience At St. Hilda's, we recognise that many universities and employers are expecting students to have a range of skills and experiences other than those gained by studying for traditional qualifications. Enrichment opportunities allow students to develop new skills and experience something other than their core studies. We welcome suggestions from students for enrichment activities. Currently we offer:

- HE+ Programme
- Art Club
- Extended Project Qualification
- Senior Choir
- Bar Mock Trial
- Mock UN Debate
- Sporting Activities
- National Citizen Service
- Access to Medicine Course
- Work Experience
- Paired Readers
- College Ambassadors
- Maths Champions
- Preparation for University and Work
- Trips and Visits

We have a thriving Student Council which encourages students to share their opinions and make their views count. They have a vital role in shaping the sixth form and developing it further. The council helps the school to appoint new members of staff and make important leadership decisions for the school.

# What our students say about the Extended Project Qualification

The Extended Project Qualification is amazing for helping you to research subjects areas you may not be able to focus on in normal class work. It also enhances your university application by highlighting your skills in research and advancing your subject knowledge.

Mansurah Hussain

The Extended Project Qualification has allowed me to develop my time management skills by adjusting my schedule to balance the EPQ along with my homework. It has taught me the useful skills needed to help ease my transition into university by teaching me research skills and independence.

Abigail Locke

Studying for the Extended Project Qualification had a very positive effect on my confidence and definitely enhanced my independent research skills. The project encouraged me to think more and plan my own study with guidance from my supervisor. This has made me more prepared for the challenges I may face at university and has helped me with my A-Level subjects.

#### **Desiree Coker**

My Extended Project has allowed me to develop my research and report writing skills. I have researched an area that fascinates me and I have thoroughly enjoyed uncovering new information. The skills will be really useful for me when I start university and have to study independently on a larger scale.

Muzin Muhammed



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## New to St Hilda's College



I first visited St. Hilda's College on the open evening. I was impressed by the new facilities and intelligent desian of the building as it allowed me to find

subject areas with ease. The teachers I spoke to were really helpful, kind and specialists in their specific subjects. These factors, as well as the family-like atmosphere made me choose St. Hilda's College.

Will Agnew



St Hilda's has offered me the A level options that I wanted and many other opportunities; the staff are verv supportive and friendly and have made my transition

coming into the college, I have made lots of new friends. I am really enjoying being part of this community.

#### Grace Davidson



Joining St. Hilda's College from another school was something that I was quite nervous about but something I am so glad I did. The college is verv

welcoming and the friendliness of all the students has really helped me to settle and feel like I belong. The teachers are all supportive, encouraging and helpful which is great as I will be pushed to my full potential and I can approach them with any concerns I have. There are many different and exciting opportunities that really benefit the students. St Hilda's College has a great environment that makes everyone feel included.

Andrej Golden



St Hilda's College has a wider diversity than others schools. accepting people with all beliefs or no helief supporting you through whatever

problems you face. The college itself has fantastic teaching staff and everyone makes you feel welcome. I feel privileged to be part of a great place which has such a good reputation.

Seneve Mwadi

## Talented Students

St. Hilda's has always supported me through everything I've done, and brought out new sides to me that I never knew existed. The music department have nurtured my talents through innumerable opportunities which have developed and helped me to thrive in not only music, but everything else I do. The library has also provided a safe haven in which my confidence and organisational skills have flourished, providing me with the tools I need in the world of work and my future. Staff have always been there, and are willing to let me work flexibly due to my extra-curricular activities. St. Hilda's College feels like home to me.

#### **Emma Weeks**





Physical Education has always been my favourite subject and St Hilda's College has given me the opportunity to improve my skills in so many different sports and helped me to thoroughly enjoy my time in college and build some friendships that I hope will last for life.

In Year 7, I joined the netball team as a complete beginner and we became a very successful team. From here I was encouraged by the PE department to join Phoenix Netball club outside of school. This has led to many fantastic opportunities for me and I now play in the Merseyside Women's Premier League as well as for the county. I have recently qualified as a netball umpire and I officiate in a women's league. I am also a qualified Netball coach and first aider and I currently help to coach the Year 7 netball team.

St Hilda's has such a varied PE curriculum that my successes have not just been in Netball. I have represented the school in ten different sports and each Friday the staff and college compete against each other in a 'friendly' atmosphere.

Due to my inspirational PE teachers I am currently studying BTEC sport and I hope to go on to become a Physical Education Teacher. I am sure that had the PE staff not been so encouraging and passionate about their subject, then I would not have experienced all of the fantastic opportunities that I have been given.

Ellie Taylor

## Facilities at St Hilda's

We are proud of our new £15m school which offers state-of-the-art facilities. The main building of the new school opened in September 2015 followed by our fantastic sports facilities in September 2016. We are pleased to provide:

- Dedicated College Study Areas
- Dedicated College Social Space
- College Café

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- Excellent ICT facilities
- Dance Studio
- Drama Studio
- Two Art Studios
- Textiles Studio
- Catering Kitchen
- Music Rooms, Ensemble room
  and three practice rooms
- Sound Booths for MFL

## Preparing Students for the Future

Many of our students go on to further study at university. We spend a lot of time working with our students on choosing a suitable course and giving themselves the best opportunity in producing a successful application. We guide students through the process of writing a personal statement and making their application through UCAS. We have access to careers advisors for those who are unsure as to what their next step is. Tailor made support is given for all applications. We recognise that the process can be confusing and offer UCAS drop-in sessions for all students.

In addition to supporting our students, we also run information evenings for parents who may be unfamiliar with the process or the changes that have been made over recent years.

For some students, university may not be their first choice and we fully support this. We offer support for students looking for further study at college and assist those looking for an apprenticeship or full-time employment. We work with our students on producing CVs, letters of application and offer mock interviews to give them the best chance of success. Our careers advisors have access to the latest apprenticeships and vacancies and complement the support we offer.





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