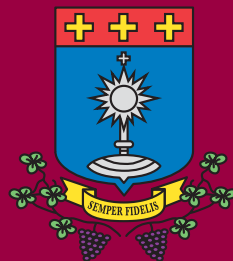
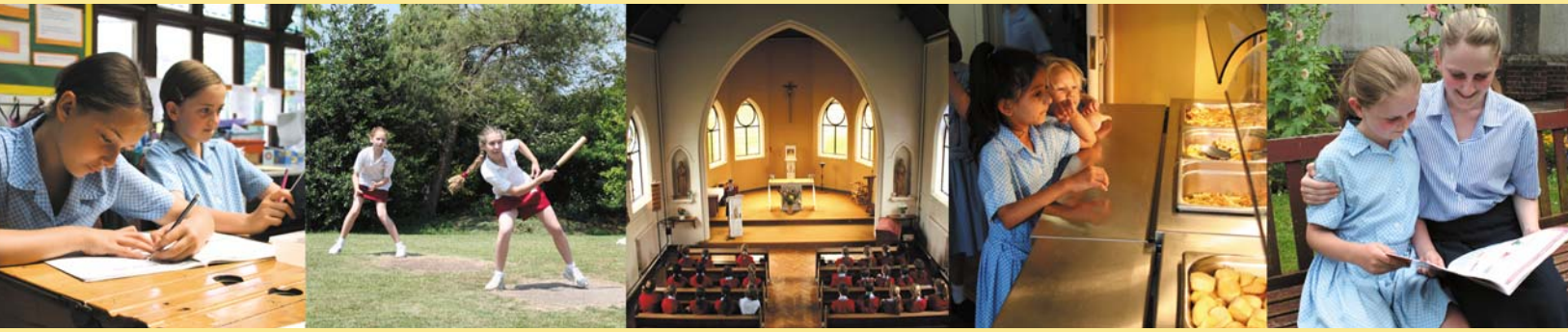




The Towers Convent School



Traditional Christian Values for a Modern World



Spirit

At the heart of this community is Christian love: all people of whatever race, colour, creed or status are welcome and have equal worth and opportunity. We aim to celebrate the dignity of each pupil; our unique community rejoices in and supports diversity. Our motto, "Always Faithful", upholds the qualities of honesty and trust, responsibility, self-discipline and forgiveness. Pupils are encouraged to achieve their full potential in everything they do, in an atmosphere of open friendliness, based on trust and in expectation of sensible, thoughtful behaviour. We encourage self-respect and respect for others and their gifts.

We value communication with parents and like to ensure that parents are consulted about any decisions which affect their child.

Body

The Towers has a catering team on site for 364 days a year. All food is freshly cooked with a vegetarian option and a salad bar available at lunch and supper. Four girls of varying ages and nationalities form a food committee and meet the catering manager each week to discuss the forthcoming menus.

The boarders each have their own cubicle with washbasin and study facilities. There are well-equipped common rooms for leisure time. However, the girls are encouraged to profit from the fact that we hold the coveted Sportsmark for sporting excellence, and extra-curricular activities include swimming, karate, volleyball, tennis, netball, gym, dance, football and fitness. Each weekend there is an optional activity / excursion, many of these are open to day pupils.

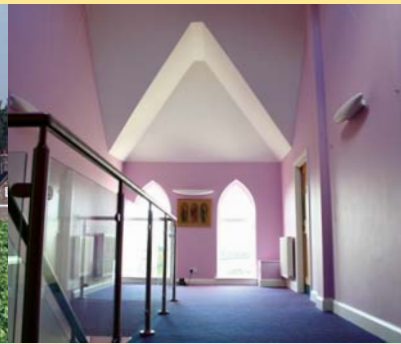
Mind

The School has a strong choral tradition and in addition to its two choirs has a prize-winning Choral Speaking group. The girls are powerful orators and have an opportunity to take part in a debating club and the award-winning Public Speaking team. Whilst Technology, Mathematics and Science are strengths, Drama and Music are well catered for with two orchestras and other ensembles. A particularly popular club is the Writers' Workshop. The School has three times won the Whitbread prize for GCSE results and has held the top place in the county for 'value-added'. The GCSE pass rate is consistently high reflecting a continuous quest for excellent academic standards.

We recognise that children each have their own needs and are proud to say that, at The Towers, we are large enough to provide good facilities, but small enough to know each child and to try to cater for all aspects of each one's personality. Thus The Towers encourages the development of independent thinkers ready to join the global community when they leave. This is catered for through Citizenship in the curriculum and through active encouragement in fund-raising and other charitable activities associated with the local community.

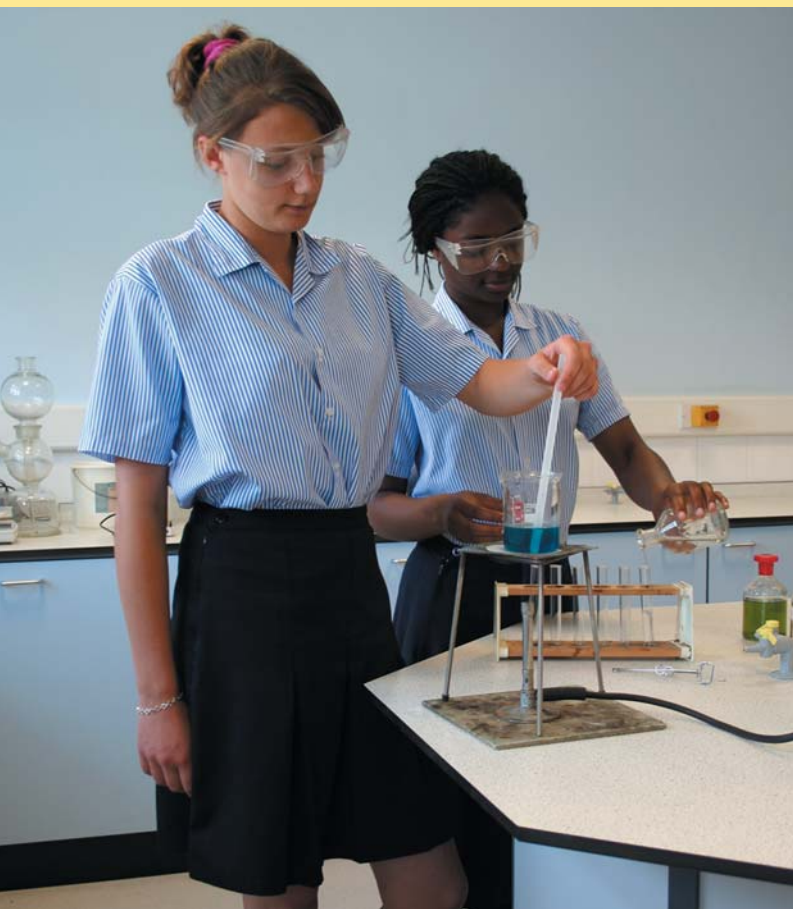


New extension completed Autumn 2006



THE SCHOOL is divided into two departments, Junior and Senior. Pupils aged 3 – 11 years are educated in the Junior School house and at 11 will transfer to the Senior School, situated in another building on the campus where they may remain until they are 16. After this many girls win awards to other major Independent Schools whilst others prefer to complete their education at local Sixth Form Colleges.

In all departments we aim for a broad curriculum, following closely, but not exclusively, the National Curriculum and its tests at each of the Key Stages. The whole curriculum is well-resourced with specialist facilities in Science, Information Technology, Design Technology, Home Economics, Careers, Drama and Music. It is supported by field study courses, adventure and sports holidays, cultural visits and overseas exchanges and holidays.



THE TOWERS was built in 1883 and was known as Smith's Folly by local villagers. It was used as a hunting lodge and private house, and finally passed into the hands of Mrs Elizabeth Maling Wynch. Mrs Wynch, a widow, became a Sister of The Blessed Sacrament and donated her home to the Congregation. In 1903, the first Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament came from France with five little French girls, the first pupils. Gradually, The Towers became a well-known Convent School. It is situated at the foot of the South Downs, a healthy and beautiful setting for young people.





ALL PUPILS TAKE PART IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES including netball, tennis, swimming, dance, gymnastics and rounders. The Towers maintains a very high standard of achievement in this area. Tennis Teams have won the Sussex Shield and the Harpenden Trophy on more than one occasion. Netball teams achieve a similar high standard, participating in both Independent and State School tournaments and league matches, with enviable success. Many girls opt to follow the Junior Sports Leader Course which includes a First Aid qualification and many leadership skills useful later in life. Participation in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is also a very popular and worthwhile option.

DRAMA plays an important role in the life of the school. As well as taking its place in the taught curriculum to GCSE level, there are various internal drama competitions held during the year and a major musical production is staged annually.

MUSIC is equally important. There are two School Orchestras, in both the Junior School and Senior Schools, which all instrumentalists are encouraged to join. These perform at various events throughout the year, as do the School Choirs.





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