

LEH

LADY ELEANOR HOLLES

Public Benefit Report: Academic Year 2015-16

Public Benefit

The School actively supports the attainment of the highest educational standards, partly by networking with other schools (independent and maintained) and partly by peer group studies to evaluate quality and performance improvement methods. We also co-operate with many local charities in our on-going endeavours to widen public access to quality education, to optimise the educational use of our cultural and sporting facilities and to develop our pupils' social awareness of the wider community in which the School operates.

In the furtherance of these aims the Governors, as the charity Trustees, have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when considering the school's objectives and activities.

Other Activities

We place great emphasis on the development of the well-rounded individual, while striving for academic excellence. We seek to provide opportunities for wide-ranging achievement; we encourage each girl to develop her values, individuality, strength of character and purpose, and her particular talents, so that she may not only gain personal fulfilment, but be a responsible member of society. We hope that the girls will leave us well prepared for adult life, possessed of a joy in learning and in all the opportunities life offers, and a belief in the values of education, civilisation, humanity and community.

Through its Public Benefit activities, the School endeavours to foster the aims of its founder by engaging with local, national and international bodies, fostering strong relations with the local community and encouraging its pupils to contribute positively, willingly and with altruism, for the greater good.

We have devised the following Mission Statement for the School's community activities, alongside which all our current and future Public Benefit and Community activities should be judged:

- Acknowledge that by attending LEH, pupils receive an outstanding education, which brings with it responsibility to society;
- Inculcate a culture of participation in the service of the community, locally, nationally and internationally;

- Raise pupils' awareness of issues which challenge their perceptions of others;
- Provide opportunities for pupils to engage in activities with members of the local community, in particular school children and the elderly;
- Provide a stimulating extra-curricular programme which embraces engagement with national and international bodies;
- Engage the whole school in charitable giving;
- Facilitate the use of the school buildings by groups and schools in the local area;
- Develop educational partnerships with local cluster schools.

Active Service by Staff

Members of staff are involved in, lead and often accompany pupils who participate in a variety of outreach work.

Individual members of staff served in a variety of capacities for the benefit of the public during the year, including leading local choral, dramatic and sporting groups as well as organising events for the benefit of others e.g. the School Librarian coordinates 3 schools in Hampton - Hampton School, Hampton High and LEH - for the Borough Literary Quiz for the Schools Library Service. She also coordinates a Carnegie Shadowing Group which is also composed of the 3 schools listed above.

Members of the PE Department coach and select for county and national teams and facilitate Borough wide sporting competition and additional sports coaching.

The Head of Rowing is on the committee of the British Rowing's Junior Rowing Commission, is the Thames London Representative and 3 of our coaches coach voluntarily for Thames London. In addition, one of our coaches is the England Team manager (voluntary position) and coached at the Great Britain U16 camp last Easter.

A member of staff assists with the organisation and delivery of the Hampton CCF. She is head of the army section under command of the Contingent Commander at Hampton and also assists with the organisation of the RAF contingent.

Links with Local Maintained Schools

The School continues as an active member of the Hampton Independent and State Schools' Partnership, a group of seven secondary schools within the Richmond Borough, with the aims of raising standards, encouraging cooperation and collaboration and promoting social cohesion. We host a Public Speaking day and run a Model United Nations Conference for partnership schools. Last year we jointly hosted a Music Partnership day, where musicians from Hollyfield School, Orleans Park School, Teddington

School and Tolworth Girls' School joined us at LEH and Hampton for Orchestral and Choral Workshops, followed by an evening concert in the Theatre at LEH. We decided to try to run individual groups and ensembles alongside the usual choral and orchestral pieces. As a result, we created a Percussion Group, Brass Band, Swing Band, Flute Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, String Orchestra, Choir and full Symphony Orchestra and each performed their own piece in the concert. In addition to the new groups and the choral and orchestral works we studied, our student musicians were inspired by performances, workshops and masterclasses from some professionals, including a Brass workshop from Bones Apart, an all-female Trombone Group, and a Vocal Masterclass and workshop. The string players were treated to a dynamic performance and workshop by the noted Ruisi Quartet, an all-male String Quartet.

Our Composer in Residence gave his services for free in accompanying the inaugural House Singing Competition at Hampton Hill Junior School and our Director of Music judged the competition, further cementing links between the two schools. (Every other year, at the end of the Summer Term, we put on a joint concert at Hampton Court.)

In addition, we donated an old piano we were updating to Twickenham Primary Academy.

Teaching staff assist in the delivery of A/A* and C/D borderline revision courses for marginal pupils in the partnership schools, the aim being to raise attainment and assist pupils to realise their potential.

42 Year Five children from nine local state Primary Schools attended our SHINE Serious Fun on Saturday's programme which runs from November to March. The programme is run by staff and pupil volunteers and is designed to inculcate a love of learning, raise confidence and improve literacy.

Over seventy students volunteer at local state primary schools and at Clarendon School, where they work with children with specific needs and learning disabilities. Members of the Service Volunteers group accompany children with special needs from two schools to Legoland each summer.

The Careers Department invited 13 neighbouring state schools to attend our annual Higher Education and Gap Year Fairs, and 34 Universities attended. A range of other social and educational events are organised to give help where needed.

Links with Other Organisations

In addition to the above the School raises awareness of a number of issues through links with other organisations. We shall be running an Oxfam Youth Action Group, supported by outside mentors. The School's Amnesty group run regular campaigns as well as hosting a very successful Secret

Policeman's Ball. Year 11 pupils also joined the 'The Challenge' - the UK's largest provider of the National Citizen Service Programme during the summer holiday, and 7 pupils completed it during the summer vacation of 2016. Pupils participate in several Rotary run events and members of the Sixth Form have been invited to speak at Rotary events. There are strong links with a number of residential homes and we welcome nearly 300 local elderly residents to our biannual tea parties.

Charity Fundraising

Charity fundraising involves the whole School community in raising money and awareness for good causes. The School elects a charity for the year, which becomes the major focus of charitable giving; charities alternate between an overseas charity and a UK based charity. This focus does not preclude other charitable giving, and each year there are a number of smaller charities which benefit from the School's fundraising efforts. Full details of recent fundraising events are displayed on the School's website (www.lehs.org.uk). In 2015-16 over £10,000 was raised for Operation Smile. A sizeable donation of tinned food was presented to The Passage, and hundreds of shoeboxes were delivered via Operation Christmas Child.

Cultural Contribution and Sporting Facilities

Pupils produced, directed and performed a musical production, inviting local primary schools to the LEH theatre to watch performances as well as visiting several primary schools with their touring performance over four lunchtimes to showcase their talents and get the children involved in Drama.

The School sponsors and supports music activities in the community.

The School leases its drama facilities at a reduced rate three times a year to a number of local community organisations.

The School gives free use of its swimming pool to a local special needs school. The swimming pool is leased at a reduced rate to a range of local swimming clubs and other sports facilities are used by netball clubs, lacrosse squads, gymnastics associations, etc. We regularly host rounds of National Netball competitions, and regional tournaments for lacrosse, netball and gymnastics.

The Environment

The school operates a paper recycling service for its staff and pupils, and recycles food waste from the dining halls. Girls engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme also collect unwanted mobile phones, ipods, and various other electronic gadgets and recycle them, raising money the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in Richmond Borough.

The school was recognised as an Eco School (Bronze Award) in October 2009 and gained the Silver Award in 2012. See www.eco-schools.org.uk for the benchmark for accreditation.