

ST. MARY'S HALL
Fees from April 1965

Boarders
Per Annum

£402

Day Girls
Per Annum

£201

Preparatory Form £174

Lunch for Day Girls £8 per Term
Scholarships See Page 8

Extra Subjects

Pianoforte, Violin, Singing	.....	.....	£6 per term
Elocution: Individual Lessons (Thirds upwards)	.....	.....	£4 15 0 per term
Group Lessons for Juniors (Transition, First and Second Forms)	.....	.....	£2 10 0 per term
Ballroom Dancing	.....	.....	£2 10 0 per term
Ballet Dancing	.....	.....	£3 10 0 per term
Pottery	.....	.....	£4 0 0 per term
'Cello, Clarinet etc.	.....	.....	by arrangement
Orchestra	.....	.....	No charge unless instruments are loaned
Extra Tennis Coaching	.....	.....	£4 0 0 per term

ST. MARY'S HALL
BRIGHTON

*A Church of England Independent
Public School for Girls*

Headmistress

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Foundation of the School and present status

St. Mary's Hall was founded by the Revd. Henry Venn Elliott in 1836 as a boarding school for the daughters of clergymen. In 1920 it was enlarged to admit other girls. It is recognised and inspected by the Ministry of Education and registered as an Independent Public School.

The school had to be closed during the last war and the buildings suffered considerable damage. The re-opening in 1946 and the patient reconstruction were acts of faith which have been fully justified by subsequent academic successes and by the continuing demand for places.

There are approximately 280 girls, half of whom are day-girls. Weekly boarders are accepted but there is no reduction in fees.

The purpose of the school is to give a liberal education which will enable all girls to qualify for a career and develop interests which will help them to live a full and useful life.

The Hall stands on its own grounds on high land facing the sea. There are three boarding-houses, each in the charge of a resident Housemistress and matron. Elliott House, within the school grounds, was built in 1951. St. Hilary House is in Sussex Square, and Babington House in Chichester Terrace. Both these Houses are within a few minutes walk of the School, and each House accommodates approximately 40 to 50 girls.

The Headmistress is accessible to both boarders and day-girls and welcomes the opportunity of discussion with parents.

Religious Education

The teaching, which is in accordance with that of the Church of England, is in the hands of a specialist, and all girls are required to attend morning prayers and Scripture lessons whether or not they take the subject at Ordinary Level in the G.C.E.

Boarders attend St. Mark's Church on Sundays and girls are prepared for Confirmation by the vicar, who is Chaplain to the school.

Curriculum

Girls are prepared for the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary and Advanced Levels in a wide variety of subjects, and for entrance to the Universities. The teaching in the main school is in the hands of qualified subject specialists, and Froebel staff are responsible for the Preparatory and Transition forms.

In their first year of secondary education, pupils are not streamed according to ability, and in subsequent years they are divided into forms according to their choice between Latin and Domestic Science. In many subjects they are put into divisions which cut across the full year group, enabling them to work at their own pace and ability.

The Headmistress (in consultation with parents) is finally responsible for determining the course of each pupil, having regard to her individual needs, health and attainment.

The VIth Form

Advanced Level subjects are taken in a two or three year course, for those who are seeking Scholarships and entrance to the Universities or qualifications for other forms of training. There is a high standard of achievement, and opportunities are found for girls to pursue their cultural and aesthetic interests.

There is also a **General VIth Form** course for those not taking Advanced Level subjects and this is considered a valuable "post O Level" year. It includes Religious Knowledge, Musical Appreciation, Art, Domestic subjects, Current Events, and expeditions to places of interest, as well as the more academic subjects.

Driving lessons are available to all members of the VIth form over 17 years of age by arrangement with the British School of Motoring. Lessons take place outside the school timetable.

Physical Education

Gymnastics and Lacrosse, Netball, Rounders and Tennis are taught throughout the school. In the summer term, girls are taken for swimming lessons to the nearby baths.

Judo classes are available for those over 10 years of age, and the VIth Form may play golf. Riding lessons can also be arranged.

**Science
Room**



There are adequate teaching and laboratory facilities to teach Physics, Chemistry and Biology up to Advanced Level and many girls go on to read Science at the Universities.



Reference Library

The Future

A member of staff deals with advice on careers and further forms of training. A Careers Room with current literature and information is available to all pupils for the purpose of browsing.

Health

The school has a full-time caterer, who ensures a balanced diet for the girls. Their health is in the hands of the school doctor and a qualified resident Sister. Boarders, if ill, are nursed in the Sanatorium. New pupils are examined by the doctor when they arrive and if special remedial exercises are prescribed, these are given by a qualified mistress without charge unless this necessitates having a visiting specialist for the purpose. In the case of serious illness or epidemics, involving operations or the calling-in of specialists or nurses from outside, or the removal to a nursing home or hospital, the expenses (if any) incurred must be met by the parents or guardian of the patient.

A health record of each pupil is required on admission, and, in the case of boarders, a Dental Certificate must be completed at the end of each holiday.

After exposure to infection a Medical Certificate must be sent to the Headmistress.

Excuses and Leave of Absence

Girls may be taken out at arranged times on Saturdays and Sundays at the discretion of the Headmistress. Written approval must be sent to the Headmistress by their parents if girls wish to be taken out by relatives or friends. They may not be taken out by anyone under 21 years of age except in special circumstances.

Leave of absence is granted only in very special circumstances. Except in cases of illness, permission for absence must be obtained **beforehand**. On returning to school after illness, a written note should be given to the Headmistress.

Admission

Application should be made on forms obtained from the Headmistress. A registration fee of three guineas is payable when a girl's name is entered on the waiting list.



**Dormitory
in St. Hilary House**



A Geography Class

Before admission girls under 11 are expected to show, by means of a brief examination that they have adequate knowledge of Arithmetic and English.

Girls of 11 and over must pass the Common Entrance Examination for Girls' Public Schools.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Open Scholarships and Exhibitions for boarders up to the value of £150 are offered on the results of examinations held each year. Certain awards are reserved for daughters of Church of England Clergy. There is one Boarder's Scholarship of £200 offered jointly by the Diocese of Chichester and St. Mary's Hall for the daughter of a Sussex Clergyman, based on the results of Common Entrance. A Day-Girl Scholarship of £60 is also offered.

Fees

Fees are payable in advance. They cover tuition in all school subjects and include Stationery, Games, use of Sanatorium and a limited laundry allowance for boarders.

Extras

There are extra charges for tuition in solo instruments, Speech Training, Dancing, Pottery and Judo. At **least a full term's** notice must be given in writing to the Headmistress before discontinuing an extra subject.

Payment

Cheques and Money Orders in payment of school bills should be made payable to and crossed St. Mary's Hall and forwarded to Barclays Bank Ltd., North Street, Brighton.

The governors retain the right to require the removal of any girl whose fees are in arrear.

Pocket money must be banked with each girl's Housemistress.

Withdrawal

Notice of the intention to remove a pupil at the end of any term must be given in writing **before the end of the first week of the term**; otherwise the payment of the fees for the following term will be required. The Governors reserve the right of requiring the withdrawal of a girl for any cause which they shall deem reasonable, without necessarily assigning the cause.

Insurance of School Fees

Fees are not remitted on account of ill-health or forced absence. No exceptions whatever can be made to this rule, which is absolutely essential to the financial security of the school.

Parents are therefore urged to adopt the scheme of insurance of school fees, particulars of which are sent to the parents of all new girls, and which may be obtained at any time from the Bursar.

Guardians

In the case of a girl whose parents live overseas, a guardian resident in the British Isles is required, who will be responsible for holidays, fees, clothes and all decisions concerning her, and who will take charge of her if, through ill-health or any other cause, she should be removed from the school. Guardians are required to sign a form undertaking these responsibilities.

School Uniform

The outfitters are Hills of Hove and particulars will be supplied on application to the Headmistress. The second year Vith form do not wear uniform, and the Lower Vith wear a plain non-regulation grey skirt and white blouse.

RAILWAY STATION Brighton Central.

OMNIBUS .. No. 37 from the Station, or 1, 3, 40
from the town to Sussex Square.

TELEPHONES:

Head Mistress, Bursar & School	66061
Sanatorium	66062
Elliott House	66063
St. Hilary	64692
Babington	67310
Head Mistress's flat (<i>for emergencies only</i>)	683028

**Domestic
Science**



The Domestic Science room is equipped with modern cookers and appliances and girls may take a general course in Cookery and Housecraft in addition to Needlework, which is taught throughout the school. This subject may be taken at Ordinary Level of the G.C.E. as an alternative to Latin.