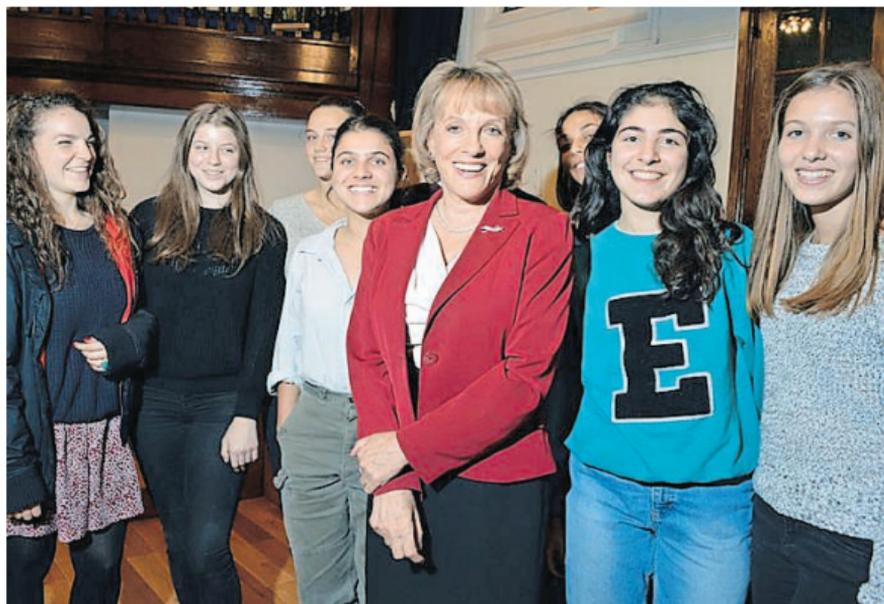


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■ **Sixth Formers at Francis Holland School with broadcaster Esther Rantzen, who gave a talk at the school. Picture: Polly Hancock**

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Sixth formers inspired by Esther's career highlights

One of the country's best known journalists and television presenter headed to Regent's Park to speak to a group of sixth formers about her glittering career.

Esther Rantzen dropped into Francis Holland School for its regular weekly lecture programme last Monday, November 3. Ms Rantzen, who rose to fame presenting *That's Life!* on the BBC in the 1970s, was also able to talk about her motivation in founding the child protection charity Childline, in 1986.

The Hampstead-resident came up with the idea to found the helpline after an edition of *That's Life*.

More recently, she has founded The Silver Line which aims to combat loneliness in elderly people.

Headteacher Vivienne Durham said: "Esther Rantzen provided inspiration to our sixth formers, some of whom are interested in broadcasting, when she spoke about her experience in setting up ChildLine and her vision for The Silver Line."