

# The Power of Partnerships at Francis Holland School, Regent's Park

At Francis Holland School, Regent's Park, our partnerships offer students and staff invaluable opportunities to share ideas, expertise, best practice and facilities. The 'schooling for life' we offer, which values character education, emotional intelligence, creativity and a love of learning, is enriched by these partnerships, strengthening collective experience for all. Our aim is for every department in the school to run a partnerships programme this year.

Our Classics Department has been teaching Latin to students from St Marylebone CE School for 7 years, currently totalling six hours per week

FHS Latin teaching at St Marylebone



to 55 students in Years 8 - 11. This has been described by the Head of St Marylebone, Kat Pugh, as "a tremendous success that has developed students' scholarship, commitment and academic confidence". Further collaborative learning takes place at our annual Classics Symposium, featuring inspirational talks by Cambridge University academics, which is attended by over 100 students from London and the South-East, and our annual German Speaking Day, where we welcome over 150 students from partner schools in London and Bristol. A Year 10 student commented, "It was so fun exploring the language with people at my level. My German has definitely improved!"

Partners including St Marylebone, All Saints Catholic College and King Solomon Academy also take part in many of our enrichment initiatives. For example, in our Hale



Classics Symposium

Lecture Series, pupils work collaboratively to orchestrate, plan and organise interviews and Q&A with inspirational guest speakers, breaking away from the traditional format of an extended lecture. It's a more personal, warm, and conversational approach to ensure everyone is actively engaged. So far, we've welcomed an incredible line up of speakers including Baroness Lady Hale, the first female President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, Amanda Pritchard, CEO of NHS England and Helen Fielding, author of Bridget Jones' Diary. Meanwhile, Year 9 FHS pupils worked with St Marylebone and the Royal Institute of British Architects



on an exciting architecture project in 2023, developing problem-solving skills and creative solutions while forging new friendships.

We also enjoy working closely with local primary schools and charities. This January, for example, six Year 10 FHS students led a 'Rockets and Robots' STEM Workshop at St Vincent's Catholic Primary and we ran a 'Fitness Fortnight' initiative for St

Joseph's Primary. We share facilities such as our Swimming Pool with charities including Swimmer's Corner, who offer free swimming lessons to women and children in North Kensington.

Thank you to all our partners for being a pleasure to work with and teaching us so much; we look forward to seeing our partnerships thrive for years to come.

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