



Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

Educating Women of the Future

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To Whom it May Concern,

Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School has had a long standing relationship with St John the Baptist Church, since its foundation in 1888.

For many years, we have held our annual Commemoration Day Service, an event which celebrates the founding of the school, at the church. The service is attended by approximately 400 people, including 200 students, their form tutors and guest dignitaries of the school who come together to celebrate the event. This year we celebrate 136 years of the school's founding.

During the service, our students provide musical and vocal performances and the organ is integral to these performances. Many of our students, given their diverse backgrounds in North London would otherwise not have access to the beauty and range of the instrument's sound. We are offering musical learning experiences, including the organ, to new students transitioning from primary schools.

Another event we hold annually is the Christmas Carol Service in December. While we remain a non-denominational school, this largely traditional event is held in our Church of England parish church which represents the national religion and is therefore important to the teaching of British values. It is an opportunity for our school community, family and friends of all faiths to enjoy a spiritual experience, or for anyone with no faith, to enjoy time for reflective contemplation in a beautiful architectural setting with a magnificent organ and fine acoustic.

We look forward to continuing to hold these special events at the church and to enjoy the magnificent organ which brings splendour and additional joy to these special events.

We sincerely hope that the church can continue the upkeep of the organ so that it remains a viable instrument for the benefit of the whole community.

Yours faithfully

Violet Walker
Headteacher