

SCHOOL HISTORY

In the grim aftermath of the French Revolution, a young woman of vision and courage - Claudine Thévenet, whose brothers and an uncle were guillotined during the Reign of Terror - spent her time, her energy and her money in providing food, clothing, education and a secure home for orphaned and abandoned children. She was helped in her task by a number of like-minded charitable young women and in 1818 founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

In 1886, nuns from the now flourishing religious congregation were invited by Cardinal Manning to form a convent school for girls in Willesden. The school's foundation stone was laid a year later and in 1888 the Convent of Jesus and Mary was opened as a private boarding school for girls. Now, at the start of the 21st century, the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College provides high quality, fully comprehensive education for girls aged from eleven to eighteen.

SCHOOL AIM

The school aims to give each pupil an education which will help her to develop her own personal gifts, both spiritual and social, and achieve the highest academic standards of which she is capable. We hope each pupil will receive the help and guidance that will encourage her confidently to make her contribution to life as a responsible and self-disciplined Christian.

OUR ETHOS AND VALUES

The Religious of Jesus and Mary are a congregation founded by St Claudine Thévenet on 6th October 1818 during the French Revolution. St Claudine is our founder and it is her values that we strive to emanate in our daily work. In our front foyer, Hall and in the basement corridor there are visual displays of the values of St Claudine: love of Jesus, love of Mary, forgiveness, simplicity, education and family life. Our Mission Statement: 'With God's Grace, we excel and lead' is an aspiration to excellence (excel) working to improve ourselves to be Christ like. We are all made in the image and likeness of Christ and Christ lives within each of us. Through our service to others we show leadership (lead) and this is a key role for all staff and children. Opportunities to show service and leadership are regularly provided. Our daily work is undertaken with God's grace and guidance and is shaped from these ideas.

THE LANGUAGE COLLEGE

The Convent of Jesus and Mary enjoyed over 10 years as a specialist Language College. It was one of the first schools to achieve specialist status in this area and received funding directly from the government to promote languages and the international dimension both within the school and in the local community.

