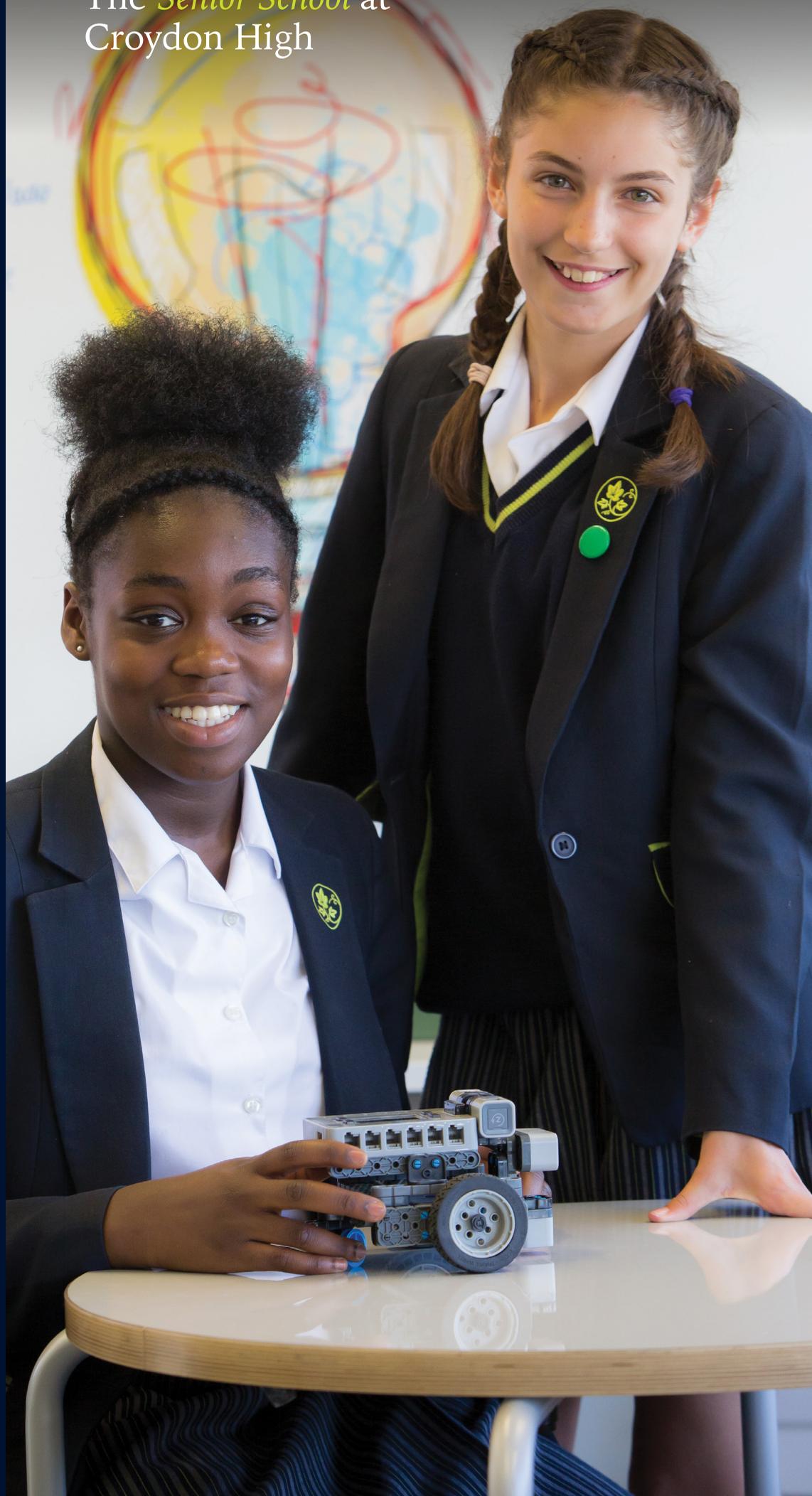


# Every Opportunity

The *Senior School* at  
Croydon High





We are extremely proud of Croydon High School's exceptional learning environment and our strong sense of community which celebrates achievement and aspiration in equal measure.

We believe that what we have here is totally focused and quite unique. It's about...

# Every girl Every day



Emma Pattison  
Headmistress



Our staff are motivated to bring something new, something fascinating, something memorable to every one of our girls, every day. Inspirational teachers working with motivated girls, who relish challenge and opportunity, make Croydon High a very exciting place to be.

**We provide academic challenge, extensive enrichment and a unique education for remarkable girls.**

Every initiative, decision and opportunity is measured against this ethos, ensuring we deliver the best possible outcomes for our girls. As an Independent school, and part of the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) family, we are experts in providing that crucial balance between challenge and personalised support girls need in order to thrive.

A close-up photograph of a young girl with light brown hair tied back. A single green ivy leaf is tucked into her hair on the left side. She has a thoughtful expression, looking off to the right. She is wearing a white collared shirt under a dark blue sweater with a yellow stripe. The background is a soft-focus green field.

Our School's first Head, Dorinda Neligan, a formidable woman and a proud suffragette, is credited with our association with the ivy leaf. Legend has it that, in the 1880s, as she accompanied her girls to their first GDST Prize Giving, she pulled ivy from the school walls and instructed the girls to wear it in their hair so that they could be identified as Croydon High girls. The ivy became our school symbol.

The legacy of inspirational women like Miss Neligan is still an intrinsic part of Croydon High life today.

## Inspiring girls *since 1874*

The girls draw inspiration from each other and from the support and mentoring offered by our powerful alumnae network, The Ivy Link.



Our promise is that girls joining Croydon High School will leave us as *confident and engaged, compassionate and ambitious young women.*

Our girls stand out when they leave school and start making their way in the world.

The breadth of opportunity made available to her, the inspirational teaching and mentoring she experiences and the friendships she makes, provide her with the best possible foundation to make her goals a reality.

The common themes of perseverance, enthusiasm and integrity make this an exceptional place to work and learn.



*I love the sense of sisterhood in a modern and warm environment, committed to raising confident and happy girls.*

SENIOR PARENT



Pastoral care is an absolute priority as the girls settle in to the Senior School. Their tutor is their first champion; someone they see regularly and can turn to at any time.

Our 'big sister' mentoring programme matches every girl with a friend in the Upper School, who can also help with any worries or concerns.

Tutors and the Head of Year 7 work closely together to build strong relationships with the girls and their parents. These bonds are crucial in terms of the girls' future wellbeing and academic success.

The girls also learn to work together to support one another and to embrace the culture of mutual respect embedded in our DNA.

*...one of the most efficient and welcoming schools we've ever come across ~ and that includes the parents, willing to extol the delights of this small scale haven for girls.*

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE 2017



**Intellectual curiosity  
and outstanding  
results** *sparked by an  
exceptional learning  
environment.*

Innovative lessons within a futureproof and integrated curriculum excite and inspire the girls.

Creative teaching and learning opportunities abound; highly qualified, highly motivated staff explore ideas and introduce new techniques.

Performance is monitored closely, expectations are made clear and girls are encouraged to set themselves meaningful challenges.

Unsurprisingly, academic results are excellent at both GCSE and A Level and, year on year, girls outperform their peers in the maintained sector and their own expectations.

The message is clear; bright girls who are ready to learn and to grasp all of the amazing opportunities on offer will be sure of a bright future.





## Educating mind, body and spirit.



The co-curricular offer is based on the philosophy of combining elite performance and opportunity for all, with outstanding facilities and specialist coaching staff on hand to bring out the best in every girl, every day.

We celebrate excellence and encourage participation from all girls, allowing them to develop their skills and discover new talents.

The Art Department inspires creativity with artwork of the highest standards which are proudly displayed around the school.

Many girls compete at leading levels in sport, representing their school, county and even their country.

We applaud the poise of the musician or the actress, we cheer the grit and determination of the sportswoman, we encourage empathy and we celebrate teamwork.

Dramatic and musical performances enhance the life of the school, with staff and girls working collaboratively to produce outstanding productions and create unforgettable memories.



The mark of a fine education is not just a string of impressive academic qualifications, *but a breadth of understanding and experience delivered alongside the curriculum.*

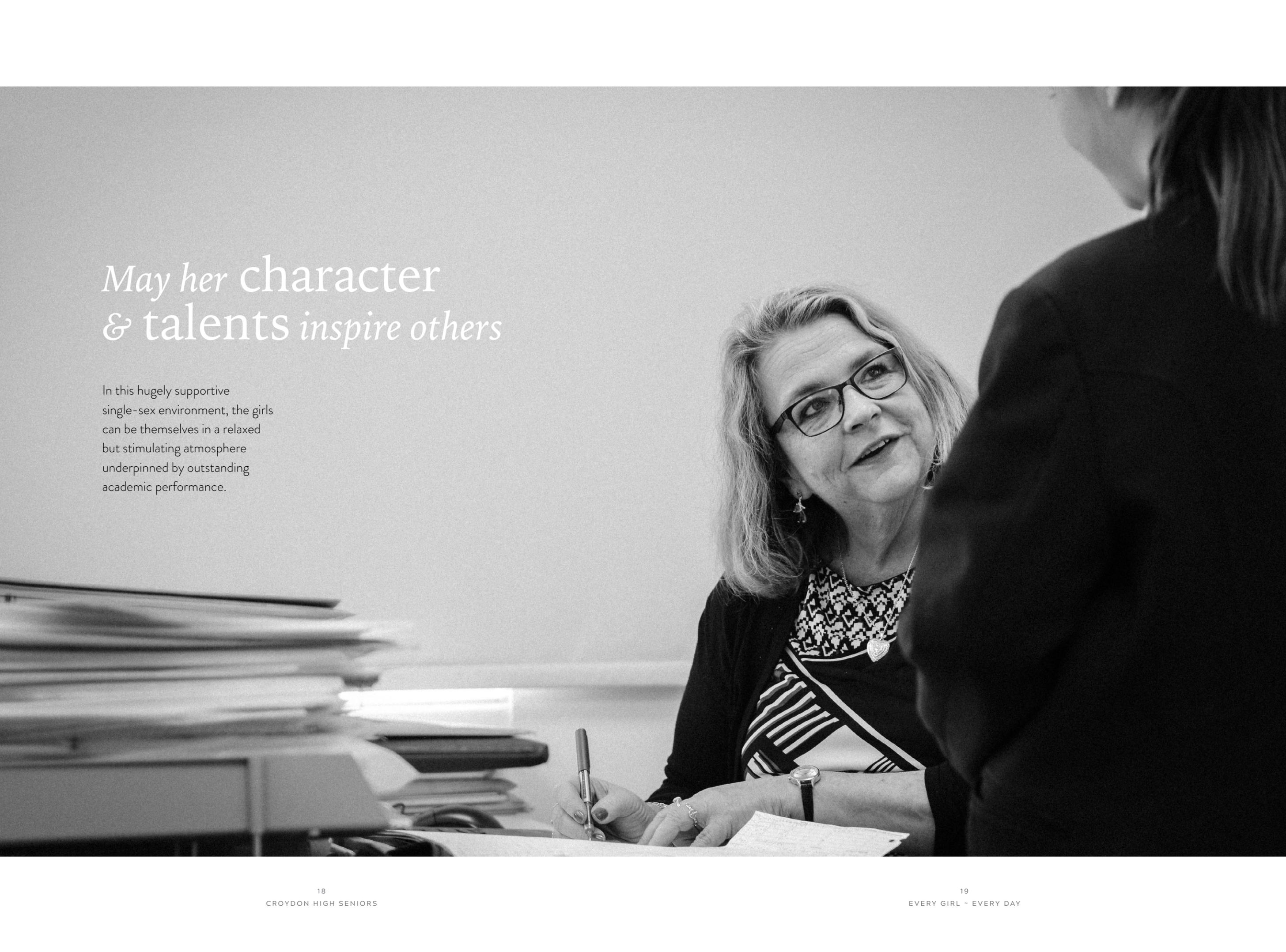


We believe the most powerful learning often happens outside the classroom and the quality of academic enrichment at Croydon High is outstanding.

Our girls are campaigners; impassioned by Human Rights issues, inspired to support charitable concerns and able to engage in meaningful debate, both in the classroom and in arenas such as the Model United Nations where we compete at high level.

Travel broadens their minds, with trips to Europe and further afield enabling them to explore Art, Politics and History, to improve language skills, to compete in sport and to make new friends, as they grow in experience and independence.

Croydon High girls also excel in having fun, enjoying a full programme of activities in school ranging from salsa dancing, coding and robotics to Bridge, Eco-Club and Film Noir.



*May her character  
& talents inspire others*

In this hugely supportive single-sex environment, the girls can be themselves in a relaxed but stimulating atmosphere underpinned by outstanding academic performance.



*We hope you have enjoyed this glimpse of life at Croydon High. If you would like to find out more, come and see us on a working day; talk to the girls, join a lesson and take the opportunity to meet with our Headmistress, Emma Pattison, to discuss your own aspirations for your daughter's future.*

Call **020 8260 7543** or email [admissions@cry.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@cry.gdst.net) and we will be delighted to arrange a visit at a time to suit you.

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**GDST**  
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Croydon High is proud to be part of the Girls' Day School Trust. Founded in 1872, the GDST has always been at the forefront of educational provision for girls and as a charity, reinvests all income in to its schools for the benefit of the pupils. There are about 20,000 pupils in the 23 GDST schools and two academies throughout England and Wales.

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