



The advantages of an all-girls education

Self-confidence and **personal belief** are vital lessons to be learnt from your time at school; lessons that an all-girls education will deliver in abundance.

The **freedom** to be yourself, not contained within the parameters of gender stereotyping, is vital for any young person and increasingly so in this, sometimes confusing, digital world.

Just as boys will be boys, so **girls will be girls**. In an all-female environment the necessity to temper personality and aspiration is removed. In the 2018s GCSE national results table, all-girls schools achieved first and second place.

These formidable results are backed-up by a recent study by the Institute of Physics which showed that pupils from all-girl independent schools are significantly more likely to study the science subject, at an advanced level, than pupils from any other type of school.

An all-girl environment dispels the myth of a so-called 'girls topic'. The national average for girls leaving school to pursue a university **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subject is 24% (source: WISE 2016/17). **This year, 65% of Kilgraston girls were offered places to study these subjects at undergraduate level.**

Our result has taken investment and commitment. **From the age of ten, Kilgraston pupils are taught the Sciences by subject-specific specialists with no restriction or expectation based on gender.**

Learning to be who you are, and who you want to be, is an unparalleled part of educational journey. In a girls-only environment, pupils are encouraged to reach for every opportunity, be it in the classroom, sports field or school orchestra.

Within a single-sex environment, leadership and **female ambition** is something that is expected, encouraged and taken seriously by everyone concerned.

Once reaching the co-ed world of tertiary education or the workplace, **girls will have fully developed their own personality, drive and aspirations.**

At Kilgraston, girls focus on who they wish to become, while enjoying being who they want to be. One of our former pupils has just been offered a place at the British Army's tough Royal Military Academy. Single sex education is a liberation, not a restriction.

This year, every pupil leaving Kilgraston went to the **university of their choice.**

As one pupil puts it: **"You always feel confident."**

Really this is the only endorsement you need.