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SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
10am - 2.15pm
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Photograph taken in the quad in 1986 - the very first academic year of SFX Sixth Form College

In 1985 Clapham College moved to another site to make way for the first-ever sixth form college in inner London, St Francis Xavier. This was at the time a revolutionary move as there was no other school or college in the area which could match the breadth of courses offered at SFX, the first college in London dedicated to the education of 16-19 year-olds across the ability range.

The college is named after St Francis Xavier, a Basque Roman Catholic missionary who travelled extensively (he is buried in Goa, India) and whose life is celebrated by schools and colleges named after him all over the world. He epitomises the international spirit which is the hallmark of Saint Francis Xavier Sixth Form College today, with students coming here to study from not only the whole of London, much of Europe and many countries overseas.

As early as the late 80s SFX had established a reputation for academic excellence and was sending students to top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, but we also pioneered the development of the vocational curriculum with BTEC courses, still a strength of the college today along with traditional academic A levels.