



# Francis Holland School

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*From the Headmistress: Mrs Vivienne Durham M.A. (Oxon)*

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Dear Parents,

As you may know, I have been quoted in national newspapers in the past two days. My views have been misrepresented.

To set the record straight, I never have said– and never will say - that women have to choose between family and career.

I have dedicated 33 years of my life to the education of young women in the belief that girls should have the opportunity to do anything they choose in their future lives.

Indeed, I did say, as quoted in *The Sunday Telegraph*, “We live in a very judgmental age, the sooner we stop being quite so judgmental, the better. You need to make the decisions that are right for your family”. My own personal decision was a matter solely for me and my husband.

I apologise for any disappointment or anger that has been caused by this press coverage.

Yours sincerely,