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## AKELEY WOOD SCHOOL



Principal  
**Mr Simon Antwis**

### Rural location

Akeley Wood House  
Buckingham  
MK18 5AE

Student population  
**690**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Sixth Form**

[www.akeleywoodschool.co.uk](http://www.akeleywoodschool.co.uk)

*The first thing I ever ask a child when I meet them is what they are passionate about. When we understand what motivates a child, what they love doing, what they enjoy learning about, what makes them 'tick' we gain a window into their world. Understanding how we can personalise the educational experience for children is something I am passionate about. It's what we provide for every child we have the privilege to teach here at Akeley.*

*We have three beautiful campuses, each dedicated to key phases of a child's education and with first class facilities. The wealth of opportunity here is endless. We offer a creative approach to teaching and learning, with adventure at the centre. Where else teaches ballroom dancing and Warhammer on a Friday afternoon to complement the conventional lessons? It's a school that puts the child's happiness first, always, because happy children are successful children and I place great emphasis on happiness!*

*I lead a team of awesome teaching and learning practitioners. They go the extra mile. They run the societies, the exceptional potential programmes, the House challenges and of course, are inspirational teachers, adjusting their their methods and approaches to meet the needs of every learner – challenging all to do their very best and enjoy doing it!*

*I am confident that your child will find Akeley Wood School a stimulating, rewarding and enjoyable experience, full of adventure from day one.*

**Simon Antwis**  
Principal



### Results

In 2020, 41% of Akeley Wood pupils achieved grades 9-7 at GCSE, with 88% of grades at 5+ and 98% at 4+. This compares to national averages of 27.5%, 61.5% and 78.8% respectively.

In the same year, 58% of Akeley A-Level students were awarded A\*-B grades with 83% achieving A\*-C.

### Leavers' destinations

All of Akeley's leavers at A-Level who applied for University advanced to that level, including to Russell Group universities. Support is also given to students exploring alternative pathways, including coveted training places with international employers, the military etc.

### Sport and the Arts

All of the traditional team sports such as football and rugby are played at Akeley, plus fencing, wakeboarding, snowboarding, skiing, martial arts and equestrian.

Music, Art and Drama are offered to A-Level plus Music Technology and Media and Film Studies. Success in these areas has been demonstrated by Akeley students winning in a variety of categories at the Moving Images Awards four years in a row.

### Accommodation and catering

Several Akeley students take advantage of Homestay opportunities when attending the school. Please see 'Strategic Partners' (page 7) for further details.

Akeley's catering is also superb, offering a variety of cuisines including Mexican, Chinese and Moroccan. The school takes care to listen and adhere to student requests, dietary needs and tastes.



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## North Bridge House



Executive Headteacher, North Bridge House Senior Schools  
**Mr Brendan Pavey**

### Metropolitan location

- West Hampstead** - Nursery & Pre-Prep
- Hampstead** - Nursery & Pre-Prep
- Regent's Park** - Prep School
- Hampstead** - Senior School
- Canonbury** - Senior School & Sixth Form

Student population  
**1,400**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Sixth Form**

[www.northbridgehouse.com](http://www.northbridgehouse.com)

*At North Bridge House Senior School, we passionately believe in celebrating every child as an individual. We develop enquiring minds and inspire a life-long love of learning from within a special family atmosphere and a strong sense of community.*

*We challenge pupils on a daily basis and help each child to exceed their academic potential, whilst growing their talents in a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. North Bridge House encourages pupils to be confident, motivated and proud of their achievements, succeeding in every area of their education.*

*I passionately believe in the power of happy children. Pupils learn most effectively when they are happy, and with our focus firmly on the whole child, their whole environment, and their well-being, I truly believe we make a big difference to their outcomes.*

*What makes NBH so special is our dedicated team of subject-specialist teachers, who each contribute to our aspirational ethos and create enjoyment around their subject. Every pupil benefits from the widest range of subject experience: the core academic subjects are complemented by Latin, Drama, Textiles, Ceramics, Food Technology, Resistant Materials and a choice of three Modern Foreign Languages.*

*We are on a constant journey of getting to know every student as an individual; because we understand that success is not just about academic achievement, but also about every child finding and realising their true personal potential - finding their 'True North'.*

### **Brendan Pavey**

Executive Headteacher, North Bridge House Senior Schools



### **Results**

In 2020, 68.1% of NBH Hampstead and 65.4% of NBH Canonbury students achieved a grade 7 or above at GCSE with 23.1% and 23.9% respectively achieving the highest grade 9. This included 46% of Biology and 43% of both Chemistry and Physics results awarded a grade 9 at NBH Hampstead. Similar success was seen at the NBH Canonbury site, where 100% of students studying Physics and Computer Science achieved grade 7 or above and 100% achieved grade 7 or above in Art.

At A-Level, 84% of North Bridge House students achieved a B or above, including 68% of students who achieved the top A and A\* grades. Particular success was seen in Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths and Art where 100% of students achieved these top grades, highlighting the school's strength in both academic and creative fields.

### **Leavers' destinations**

Approximately 95% of graduating students advanced to university with typical destinations including the University of Oxford and other top Russell Group destinations, such as Bristol, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

### **Sport and the Arts**

Students from both Senior Hampstead and Senior Canonbury have access to excellent sporting facilities. These include the multi-purpose sports hall on-site at Hampstead while students at Canonbury frequent the best North London facilities for outdoor adventure and water sports including climbing, mountain biking and kayaking.

Other sports covered include athletics, badminton, basketball, benchball, cricket, dance, dodgeball, football, gymnastics, handball, indoor climbing, netball, rounders, rugby, squash, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. Nearly all these sports are available as part of the broad GCSE curriculum, with core sport still taking place for students not taking PE as a GCSE option.

Away from the sporting field, Music, Art and Drama are all taught to a high standard with 86% of students gaining a grade 7 or above in art at GCSE.

### **Accommodation and catering**

Many students take advantage of Homestay opportunities when attending North Bridge House. Please see 'Strategic Partners' (page 7) for further details.

When in school, the canteen offers an array of cuisines and dishes including Jamaican jerk chicken, sweet and sour halal chicken, Thai vegetable curry, pork jambalaya, sweet chilli tofu stir-fry, lentil and chickpea curry.

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QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL



Principal  
Mrs Jo Storey

#### Rural location

Upton Hall  
Northampton  
NN5 4UX

Student population  
380

Academic years covered  
Nursery to Sixth Form

[www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk](http://www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk)

*One of the most important decisions to make, as a parent, is choosing the right school for your child. Quinton House offers academic excellence coupled with outstanding pastoral care; a nurturing environment where your child is known and valued as an individual and where their education is tailored to their individual needs.*

*It is my personal belief that a happy child is a successful child, and here at Quinton House we excel in providing a warm, welcoming, supportive community where your child can flourish.*

*Our aim is to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world and our job is to equip our young people with the skills and confidence that benefit them for the next seventy years- not just during their time at school.*

*As a school we work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for every student that we have the privilege to educate. This requires a personalised approach for every child and an understanding that everyone develops at a different rate.*

*Alongside our academic teaching, we offer an extensive choice of co-curricular activities to allow your child to develop their strengths and encourage them to advance their unique talents.*

**Mrs Jo Storey**  
Principal



#### Results

Quinton House has a history of consistently achieving excellent GCSE results. In 2020, 100% of all results were at grade 4+, compared to a national average of 78.8%. Quinton House pupils also continue to excel beyond the national average at the highest levels, with 40.5% of all results at grade 7+ against 27.5% nationally.

Quinton House School and its students are regularly shortlisted for ISA awards. Recent successes include a student finalist at the Young Musician's Awards in 2020 and the 'Excellence & Innovation in Partnerships' category in recognition of the school's global partnerships.

#### Leavers' destinations

The Quinton House School Sixth Form relaunched in September 2020 with the unveiling of brand new, state-of-the-art Sixth Form facilities. When A level courses were previously offered at the school, students gained places at the most competitive Russell Group universities, including the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge.

#### Sport and the Arts

From Year 3 onwards, Games is added to the curriculum and the school's focus sports are rugby, football and cricket (for boys), netball, hockey and rounders (for girls). The school plays regular fixtures and tournaments with other schools in these sports. Additional fixtures and competitive opportunities with other schools include athletics, cross-country and swimming.

There is a vast array of music-based activities in both the Preparatory and Senior schools, with individual and small group peripatetic lessons offered in piano, strings, woodwind, brass, voice and percussion instruments. Quinton House has an extensive range of extra-curricular music ensembles to extend musical development and to experience practising and performing as a group. From Prep Quinton Singers to the Senior orchestra, students are encouraged to get involved and enjoy themselves.

The extensive range of enrichment opportunities also includes speech and drama lessons, as well as the opportunity to take part in the school's theatre and drama clubs. Recent whole school performances include 'Sister Act' and 'High School Musical' and our latest Preparatory School showcase performance was 'Pantastic'.

#### Accommodation and catering

Many students take advantage of Homestay opportunities when attending Quinton House School. Please see 'Strategic Partners' (page 7) for further details.

Quinton House's catering is superb, offering a variety of cuisines including Mexican, Chinese and Moroccan. The school takes care to listen and adhere to student requests, dietary needs and tastes.



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LONDON'S LEADING IB WORLD SCHOOL



Executive Principal  
**Siobhan McGrath**

**Metropolitan location**

Hampstead Campus - ages 3 to 11  
Kensington Campus - ages 3 to 11  
Westminster Campus - ages 11 to 19

Student population  
**830**

Academic years covered  
**Early Childhood 3 to Grade 12  
(Ages 3 to 19)**

[www.southbank.org](http://www.southbank.org)

*For 40 years, Southbank has stood at the forefront of providing a world-class education to children and young people from London's international community and the UK.*

*At the heart of the school are the programmes of the International Baccalaureate. These are challenging curricula that have been carefully developed to encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.*

*Enter one of our classrooms and we're sure you'll be impressed by the enthusiasm, confidence and creativity of our students. Thanks to our exceptional teaching staff and the International Baccalaureate curriculum, we help children and young people to become inquisitive learners who love to broaden their minds, always think critically, and do not shy away from challenging assumptions.*

**Siobhan McGrath**  
Executive Principal



**Results**

Southbank International School is London's leading IB World School. In 2020, Southbank pupils achieved 37 points out of 45 on the International Baccalaureate Diploma. This compares to a global average of 30 points for those studying for the award.

One student achieved a perfect score of 45, two students scored 44 and 19% of all students scored above 40. Only 0.2% of all students worldwide scored full marks in 2020 and just 0.6% achieved a score of 44. Southbank students also achieved a 100% pass rate, far more than the global average of 79%.

The latest ISI results also showed the school to be at the Outstanding level.

**Leavers' destinations**

The excellent results achieved by Southbank pupils meant that, in 2020, 95% of students gained access to their first-choice university and 60% of those going to university in the UK were accepted into Russell Group institutions.

As such, Southbank leavers have gone on to study at many top universities in the UK including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and other top Russell Group destinations, such as Imperial College London, the London School of Economics and Political Science, University College London and King's College London, as well as University of the Arts London.



Students have also gone on to study at prestigious Universities across the US and Canada including:

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Chicago
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Toronto

**Sport and the Arts**

Southbank students enjoy playing many sports, including athletics, badminton, basketball, climbing, football, golf, softball, tennis and volleyball.

The school also offers music, art and drama with the Suzuki programme compulsory on the Primary Years Programme.

**Catering**

The school canteens offer a wide variety of international cuisines and foods including lamb chilli, lentil & carrot madras, aubergine, spinach and parmesan bake, Moroccan beef tagine and Spanish style chicken stew with rosemary.



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Headteacher  
**Helen Hier**

**Rural/coastal location**

**Newton  
Porthcawl  
CF36 5AS**

Student population  
**230**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Sixth Form**

[www.stclares-school.co.uk](http://www.stclares-school.co.uk)

*As parents, I'm sure you will agree that no two children are the same. Therefore our approach is to teach each and every child in the most effective way for them; we call this individualised learning. At the heart of this approach is our ability to understand precisely where each student is on his or her learning journey.*

*Through regular assessment and tracking we gain an understanding of their abilities in each subject and use this to plan their learning and set the right amount of academic challenge, targeting areas of the curriculum which need more focus and differentiating in areas where your child excels. It is this tailored approach which allows the majority of our students to achieve results above and beyond their forecast grades for both GCSE and A Levels.*

*I am passionate about the value of all through education. I remain convinced of the positive impact it can have on pupils in terms of shared resources and expertise, opportunities for cross phase teaching, differentiation and challenge, not to mention the impact of a pupil spending 16 years at one school without the heartache and stress of transfers in Year 7 and 12 in particular. There are also considerable pastoral benefits in terms of mentoring, shadowing and buddying that can have such an impact on behaviour and most importantly happiness. As we all know a happy child is invariably a motivated child is an achieving child.*

*I would very much like to extend an invitation for you and your family to come and have a look around our school and see what an education at St Clare's School could offer your son or daughter.*

**Helen Hier**  
Headteacher



**Results**

In 2020, 53.3% of St Clare's students achieved a grade 7 or above at GCSE, with 89.8% of grades at grade 5 or above and 97.1% at grade 4 or above. This compares to UK national averages of 27.5%, 61.5% and 78.8% respectively.

At A-Level, 76.3% of students achieved the top A and A\* grades, with 100% of students achieving a B or better. This compares to UK national averages of 37% and 67% respectively.

**Leavers' destinations**

100% of graduating students advanced to university, including many Russell Group destinations, to read competitive subjects such as Medical Sciences, Mathematics, Veterinary Medicine, Architecture and Computer Sciences & AI.

**Sport and the Arts**

Students at St Clare's enjoy playing and studying many sports such as athletics, basketball, football, hockey, netball, rugby, tennis and cross country.

Students also have the opportunity to study a range of subjects across the Arts. Drama, Art and Music are all offered at KS3 with Drama, Art and Graphics being taught at KS4. At KS5, pupils can choose from Fine Art, Graphics and Textiles while many students also get involved with the whole school production each year.

**Accommodation and catering**

Many students take advantage of Homestay opportunities when attending St Clare's. Please see 'Strategic Partners' (page 7) for further details.

When in school, the canteen offers a wide variety of freshly cooked food including vegetarian options and a fresh salad bar. The school is also Coeliac UK accredited.



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# Pre-Prep to GSCE

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Colchester High School



Headteacher  
**Karen Gracie-Langrick**

**Suburban location**

Wellesley Road,  
Colchester,  
Essex,  
CO3 3HD

Student population  
**320**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 11**

[www.colchesterhighschool.co.uk](http://www.colchesterhighschool.co.uk)

*I am extremely proud to have taken the position of Headteacher at Colchester High School. With over 25 years of experience of working in education, most recently as Deputy Head at Leighton Park School, I firmly believe that good quality education has the power to change the lives of all individuals.*

*I am passionate about building brighter futures for all children and to develop the qualities in our young people that will help them to reach their greatest potential: to have the strength of character to become the global change-makers of the future.*

*Through an enriching and forward thinking curriculum that is focused on delivering academic excellence, developing character and nurturing a global perspective, I look forward to helping our pupils reach their full potential and improve the world for those around them.*

**Karen Gracie-Langrick**  
Headteacher



**Results**

88.6% of all Colchester High School students achieved a “strong pass” of grade 5 or above in their 2020 GCSEs, with 43.5% achieving grade 7 or above.

The latest ISI inspection rated the school ‘excellent’ across many areas:

- Teaching
- Curricular and extra-curricular provision
- Pastoral Care
- Welfare of pupils
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC)
- Development
- Leadership and Management
- Governance

**Sport and the Arts**

Colchester High School recently won the ISA Award for Outstanding Sport for a Large School.

It also boasts several notable alumni from across sport and the Arts including: Molly Osborne, a West End performer currently in Fiddler on the Roof; Todd Clements, a pro golfer; and Louie Westover, British Junior X30 Kart racing champion 2017 and ranked one of the top ten junior kart drivers in the world. Louie is now moving to car racing so watch this space!

**Catering**

The school’s menu rotates on a three-weekly basis with vegetarian options available on a daily basis. During rotation the school offers several cuisines including Chinese and Indian dishes.



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Executive Headmaster  
**Mr Mike Seaton**

**Suburban location**

- Boys School** - Nursery to Year 8
- Girls School** - Nursery to Year 6
- Nursery Croydon**
- Nursery Purley**

Student population  
**450**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 8 (Boys)**  
**Nursery to Year Six (Girls)**

[www.cumnorhouse.com](http://www.cumnorhouse.com)

*Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make and you will want to be sure that the school will meet their present and future needs. Typically, a Cumnor House day for all our children from the Nursery upwards is one of academic focus, allied to a great deal of laughter and fun. We challenge children to aspire to high academic standards, and we are very proud of our record of scholarship and examination success to leading HMC schools, the Whitgift Foundation Schools and local grammar schools.*

*We also subscribe to what I feel are important timeless values which are embedded in our school as 'The Cumnor Way' - endeavour, compassion, courage, integrity and self-belief - and with our school aim of all children 'being their best self'.*

*Our mastery and personalised learning approach to each child ensures we deliver an all-round education that promotes and celebrates achievement in sport, music and the arts at all levels. Opportunities for achievement are provided for all children, with a curriculum that is both broad and balanced.*

*We regard it as a great privilege to have the responsibility of helping to shape the lives of the children in our care. You are always most welcome to come along and meet the pupils and their teachers to discover more.*

**Mike Seaton**  
Executive Headmaster



**ISI results**

Cumnor House School was deemed to be 'excellent' in all areas in the latest ISI inspection.

**Leavers' destinations**

Cumnor House Boys' leavers' destinations include Dulwich College, Harrow School, Tonbridge School, Trinity School and Whitgift School as well as leading London grammar schools.

Cumnor House Girls' leavers' destinations include Wycombe Abbey School, Christ's Hospital, Downe House School and Rodean School as well as leading London grammar schools.

**Sport and the arts**

Cumnor students enjoy playing and studying a variety of sports including netball, football, hockey and rugby. Students also swim from Reception upwards with the school being Croydon Schools Swim Champions for the last 13 years.

Cumnor is also in the top 50 Prep schools for cricket in the UK.

This sporting excellence has also produced several notable alumni including the former England Rugby Union captain Chris Robshaw, current England Rugby Union player Elliot Daly and former England Test Cricketer Mark Butcher.



In the Arts, the school offers specialist Music, Drama and Art teachers while the Y3 Music Scheme allows all pupils to try out any orchestral instrument. Peripatetic teachers also cover all musical instruments

**Catering**

Cumnor's catering team offers a variety of British and international cuisine, including a halal offering at every meal, with all dietary requirements also met.





# DOWNSEND SCHOOL

*Inspiring Young Minds*



Headteacher  
**Ian Thorpe**

**Suburban location**

- Little Downsend Ashted
- Little Downsend Epsom
- Little Downsend Leatherhead
- Downsend School Leatherhead

Student population  
**650**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 11**

[www.downsend.co.uk](http://www.downsend.co.uk)

Welcome to the inspiring world of Downsend!

*Our motto translates to 'nothing is denied to valour' and this is a legacy we embrace at Downsend every day. Never has that been more true than now, as 2020 has not turned out to be how any of us imagined. But, in true Downsend style, we embrace everything the future has to offer by preparing our young people to be global citizens, by encouraging bravery, celebrating innovation and creating opportunity every day.*

*We aim to inspire young minds to engage in the world around them and think for themselves. Our pupils work hard and learn by getting actively involved in everything they do. It's not out of the ordinary to see the Battle of Hastings being re-enacted on the cricket pitch, a class investigating air resistance outdoors tied to parachutes, or our Little Downsend children acquiring numeracy skills in Forest School.*

*'Inspiring Young Minds' is at the heart and soul of our school. It guides our teachers, encourages our pupils to be the best they can be, shapes our creative and challenging curriculum, informs our diverse range of extra-curricular activities, and permeates our vibrant school life – both in and outside the classroom.*

**Ian Thorpe**  
Headteacher



**Academic years covered**

In 2020, Downsend School began its flagship 3-year GCSE programme, welcoming the first group of Year 9s, with Years 10 and 11 to follow in 2021 and 2022. The main school will cover the 6-16 age range once the GCSE rollout is completed. The school also boasts three Little Downsend's that cover the 2-6 age range.

**ISI results**

The school was rated 'good' for all metrics in its latest ISI inspection.

**Sport and the Arts**

Downsend pupils play a full range of sports as part of the curriculum and in after school clubs. The school is particularly strong in cricket (England Cricketer Dom Sibley is a notable alumnus) and in swimming, with a pool on site. Downsend was also a finalist in the Independent School of the Year Awards in 2019 in the Sporting Achievement category.

In early 2021, a £5 million, state-of-the-art Creative Arts Centre will launch, adding to the already high-level and broad offerings in this area. Music varies from classical to rock, including the annual Downsend Rocks concert.

**Catering**

Our catering team serve our pupils nutritionally balanced meals every lunchtime, offering meat, fish and vegetarian options, a salad bar and other healthy alternatives. The team uses locally sourced ingredients wherever possible and aim to deliver outstanding quality, every day.





LONG CLOSE SCHOOL



Headteacher  
**Ms Kamaldeep Nijjar**

Suburban location

Upton Court Road  
 Slough  
 Berkshire  
 SL3 7LU

Student population  
**240**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 11**

[www.longcloseschool.co.uk](http://www.longcloseschool.co.uk)

*Long Close School is a wonderful place of learning for boys and girls aged 2-16 years. We are large enough to provide an outstanding range of opportunities for developing well-rounded, confident and happy young people, yet small enough for each individual to be known, valued and nurtured.*

*Our pupils can, and do, pursue high academic standards whilst enjoying, and succeeding in, many other interests. Key to our success are the small classes in which traditional high expectations and a strong culture of excellent pupil behaviour and effort leads to truly extraordinary learning. Our caring and experienced teachers strive to draw out the very best from every young person, enabling them to grow into happy, confident, skilful and caring young people, equipped and ready for life in an increasingly complex world.*

*Beyond the classroom, life at Long Close is exciting and fulfilling. Our many and varied co-curricular opportunities in sport, music and the arts offer every child the chance to gain confidence in whichever area they discover their interests lie. I am confident that the advantages provided by a through school education, such as that at Long Close, are unrivalled.*

**Ms Kamaldeep Nijjar**  
 Headteacher



### Results

In 2020, 100% of Long Close pupils achieved Grade 5 in their English and Maths GCSEs. 100% of pupils achieved Grade 7 and above in all Triple Science papers (national average 53%) and 86% of pupils achieved Grade 6 or above in all GCSE papers.

The school was also ranked 'outstanding in all areas' in its last full inspection conducted by the ISI and is ranked 44th in the Sunday Times' Parent Power league table.

### Leavers' destinations

Year 6 students have recently secured scholarships to The Abbey School, Hampton School, Wellington College and Millfield School. Year 11 leavers are accepted into A level courses at local grammar schools and selective independent schools.

### Sport

The school has a team of specialist sports teachers who work with all pupils – from Nursery school through to Senior. Pupils enjoy regular PE, games and swimming lessons as part of the weekly timetable. Along the way, they also learn to play sports such as rugby, football, cricket, hockey, netball, gymnastics, athletics and rounders.

Long Close School students have access to two excellent astro-turf pitches, cricket nets, a bowling machine and a long-jump pit within the school grounds. Parkland surrounding the school is also used for games such as rugby and rounders.



Pupils have represented Berkshire Cricket at Under 11 level while the school also has links to Slough Hockey Club for girls' hockey.

### The Arts

The School's Head of Music leads classroom lessons from KS1 to GCSE where students explore various musical concepts and skills through a mixture of practical and written work. A dedicated team of peripatetic staff also support students' musical development and deliver more than 80 instrumental lessons every week. Throughout the year, pupils are given the opportunity to showcase their performance skills in lessons, assemblies and concerts.

Each term, students can be entered for ABRSM Music exams: a valuable qualification which, when they reach Grade 5, can be used as UCAS points on university applications.

Dance and LAMDA extra-curricular clubs are run weekly by external specialist staff, and these students are often involved in the Music led events.

### Catering

The school's catering team run a number of international themed days during the year while a variety of foods and cuisines, including Indian, are available more regularly.



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Headmaster  
**Mark Cripps**

Coastal village location

Burnt House Lane  
Stubington  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO14 2EF

Student population  
**360**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 11**

[www.meoncross.co.uk](http://www.meoncross.co.uk)

Welcome to Meoncross School, where we aim to provide every student, from Reception through to Year 11, with a world-class education within a small, friendly and family-oriented atmosphere.

Meoncross is a school that consistently achieves high academic results. This success is linked not only to small class sizes and highly trained and talented staff, but also the school's strong focus on personalised learning, which allows every student to realise their full potential, regardless of ability.

Whilst academic excellence remains a top priority, we also passionately believe that emotional wellbeing and happiness are crucial to educational success. Thus the school places a great deal of emphasis on providing a robust and rigorous pastoral programme, helping students develop resilience, confidence and independence. At Meoncross we also recognise the critical role played by parents in children's education and we are, therefore, fully committed to building strong home-school partnerships, including ensuring effective communication, at every stage of a child's educational journey.

**Mark Cripps**  
Headmaster



**Results**

At Meoncross School in 2020, 98.5% of all GCSE grades awarded were at 4 or above, compared to the national average of 78.8%. This included 55.8% of grades at 7+ and 31.4% of grades at 8 or 9.

In Biology and Chemistry, 50% of students achieved grade 9 with 38% achieving grade 9 in Physics. Similarly, in History and Spanish, 36% and 29% achieved grade 9 respectively, illustrating the breadth of the Meoncross curriculum.

**Leavers' destinations**

The vast majority of students leaving Meoncross at the end of Year 11 go on to study A Levels at some of the region's most respected further education colleges. Many continue to top UK universities including those in the Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge.

**Sport and the Arts**

Meoncross pupils enjoy playing and studying a range of sports including rugby, hockey, triathlon, football, netball and swimming. The school's Triathlon club in particular does exceptionally well.

The school also offers Music, Art and Drama at a high level.

**Catering**

Meoncross School lunches regularly include international dishes including Indian, Chinese and European cuisine.



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# Pre-Prep & Prep

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Headteacher  
**Beth Friel**

**Suburban location**

**8 Mattock Lane  
Ealing  
London  
W5 5BG**

Student population  
**130**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 6**

[www.cliftonlodeschool.co.uk](http://www.cliftonlodeschool.co.uk)

*We are a small, friendly, family school with a strong community feel. Our school building started life as a double-fronted Victorian house, which enables us to provide small class sizes where each child matters and each receives an individually tailored education. Both the house and the daily greeting help to make Clifton Lodge feel like a family – every morning children are welcomed by name and with a handshake. With specialist teachers across the school, all staff are quickly able to know each child’s name.*

*As soon as you walk into our entrance hall you will understand why we are described as friendly, our lovely office staff will greet you with a smile and a welcome to make you feel at ease. Our pupils are courteous, curious and always willing to help.*

*A school full of scholars is our aim but one that goes hand in hand with our character education. Our school virtues encompass Love, Integrity, Self-Control, Wisdom, Fortitude and Justice. These are integrated into assemblies and form times throughout the school. Clifton Lodge is a Christian ethos school which welcomes families from all faiths and none, with the knowledge that we all share the common values of kindness and caring for others.*

*‘Optime’ – Try always to do your best. This is the school motto and is applicable to both academia and character. As one previous headmaster used to say, “Your best is always good enough.” Our pupils feel safe and happy which enables them to take risks and push themselves to see what their best can be.*

**Beth Friel**  
Headteacher



**Class sizes**

Clifton Lodge School offers small class sizes to make sure each child can get the attention they need.

**Leavers’ destinations**

Clifton Lodge prepares pupils to gain entry to the best senior schools at 11+, including St Paul’s School, Westminster School, City of London School, Hampton School, Merchant Taylor’s School and Notting Hill & Ealing High School.

**ISI inspection**

The school met standards of Regulatory Compliance Inspection report in June 2018 with a full inspection due in 2021.

**Sport and the Arts**

The school has an association with Trailfinder’s sports club, making use of their professional coaches for both internal and external sports. Younger pupils have sports on site, Year 1 and 2 go swimming and have one lesson on site while Years 3 to 6 have one lesson on site and one at the sports field.

Sports include football, netball, hockey, rounders, cricket and athletics.

Clifton Lodge School has a specialist Music teacher with all years having a Music lesson each week. Individual piano lessons are also available with a peripatetic teacher.

Years 3 upwards also benefit from a specialist Art teacher and Drama lessons are timetabled with school productions



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*Hendon Prep is a local co-educational school for boys and girls from 3-11 years situated in the suburbs of North West London. We strongly believe that children should be enriched by their educational experiences and ultimately challenged to fulfil their unique potential.*

*We want our children to learn and develop in a nurturing and stimulating school environment, where academic excellence and personal wellbeing are valued equally. We aim to have a deeper knowledge of the needs of every child and we want our pupils to have an exciting and vibrant curriculum so that they can strive to achieve their very best.*

*Our academic curriculum challenges pupils to search for knowledge and develop a growing awareness of their capability to think both creatively and critically. Beyond the classroom, we aim to offer enriching opportunities so children can discover more about themselves and learn new skills that will help develop their individual character.*

*We value our academic reputation for preparing girls and boys for selective senior schools, both independent and grammar at 11+, but of equal importance, we want to select pupils who would benefit from the educational opportunities that will enable them to be confident members of our community and the wider global community in time.*

**Tushi Gorasia**  
Headteacher



Headteacher  
**Tushi Gorasia**

Suburban location  
**20 Tenterden Grove  
Hendon  
London  
NW4 1TD**

Student population  
**130**

Academic years covered  
**Nursery to Year 6**

[www.hendonprep.co.uk](http://www.hendonprep.co.uk)

**Academic years covered**

Children can be admitted to Hendon Prep School's Preschool at the start of the term in which they turn 3 and continue until Year 6.

**ISI results**

The school was rated outstanding for its Early Years provision.

**Leavers' destinations**

Hendon Prep pupils make exceptional progress, moving on to selective senior schools like Merchant Taylor's School, Haberdashers' Aske's School, North London Collegiate School for Girls, St Paul's School, Westminster School and City of London School, as well as other schools in the Cognita family like Southbank International School and North Bridge House.

**Sport**

Sport and PE is an important part of the curriculum at Hendon Prep and is delivered by subject specialists from Preschool to Year 6.

Competitive and team sports are part of school life and have included football, netball and cricket teams plus participation in cross country running tournaments.

**The Arts**

Music, Art and Drama are all part of the school's curriculum from Preschool through to Year 6 and are delivered by subject specialist teachers.

Peripatetic music lessons can also be arranged, and the school offers additional LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) lessons.

**Catering**

The school offers a 'food for life' menu which has been nutritionally balanced by dietitians and pays particular attention to ensuring that vegetarians, as well as pupils with allergies and special dietary requirements, are all catered for.



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## Prince's Gardens PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Headmistress  
**Alison Melrose**

### Metropolitan location

10 - 13 Prince's Gardens  
Kensington  
London  
SW7 1ND

Student population  
120 (will be 250)

Academic years covered  
Nursery to Year 6

[www.princesgardensprep.co.uk](http://www.princesgardensprep.co.uk)

*I am extremely privileged to be the first Headmistress of Prince's Gardens Preparatory School and am very much looking forward to welcoming you to our new school.*

*Prince's Gardens Preparatory School is an exciting place to be, where no two days are ever the same. In the heart of Kensington, our beautiful buildings burst with activity and learning inside and out.*

*The Prince's Gardens curriculum is driven by academic excellence and a passion for learning. Equally important is the broad and engaging enrichment programme, delivering opportunities for every child to experience a wide range of clubs, activities, sports and trips; to make friends, to collaborate and work in a team, to share ideas and build self-confidence.*

*Prince's Gardens is a family school, for people who have made this global city their home, building a strong sense of community between pupils, parents and staff.*

*From Nursery through to Year 6, Prince's Gardens children love being able to enjoy playtime within our 2-acre garden. With Hyde Park, Imperial College and many awe-inspiring museums on our doorstep, our children have ready access to the best learning environments in London as part of their daily life.*

*Most importantly, I want your children to enjoy coming to school, where our little learners flourish to become confident young people, ready to embrace every new challenge. At Prince's Gardens Preparatory School our pledge is to ensure that your child is prepared for everything.*

**Alison Melrose**  
Headmistress



### Academic years covered

Children can join Prince's Gardens Preparatory School in the Nursery from the age of 3 and can continue to Year 6.

### Class sizes

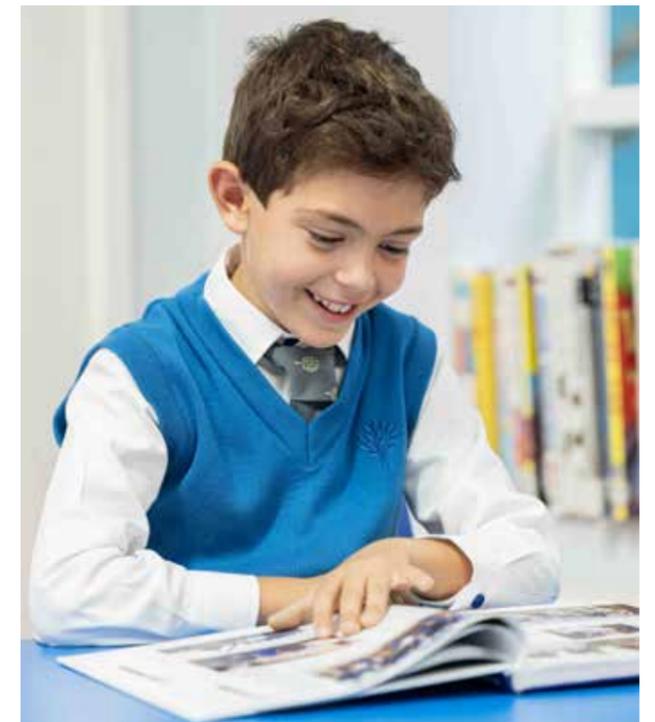
The school offers small class sizes to make sure each child can get the attention they need.

### The Arts

Music, Art and Drama are all part of the school's curriculum.

### Catering

Prince's Gardens Prep is well-served by renowned catering company, Thomas Franks, who believe in an innovative and seasonal approach to food, using fresh ingredients and cooking from scratch every single day. The menu has a distinctly international flavour to match the global adventurousness of the school's pupils and staff.



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