



HAMPSTEAD HILL SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY, PRE-PREP AND NURSERY SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1949

Parent Prospectus

St Stephen's Hall, Pond Street
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WELCOME

to Hampstead Hill School



At Hampstead Hill School the whole community has a responsibility and duty of care to ensure that everyone is kept safe from harm and neglect. Established upon family values, our child centred approach to education contributes towards the happy and warm learning environment experienced in all areas of the school. We are committed to providing a secure and supportive environment in which pupils can develop and grow into respectful and responsible people. Throughout the school, our behaviour and curriculum are driven by our school values:

Respect. Kindness. Community. Curiosity. Conservation.

Hampstead Hill School are committed to creating meaningful learning experiences for all pupils through high-quality teaching and a broad, enriching curriculum that supports both academic excellence and social confidence. The school site and neighbouring facilities provide a wide range of opportunities to support the pupils' personal, social and academic development supplemented with a rich foundation of the British values that prepare them to contribute as positive members of society.

Our school culture is built upon respect. Our focus on respectful relationships permeates all areas of school and can be seen in the interactions between all stakeholders. Further, we believe that pupil voice is essential for the maintenance of the school's culture – this contributes significantly to the children's self-esteem and happiness.

To support the pupils' academic and social progress, we facilitate controlled challenges to develop the positive and growth mindset required for pupils to adapt and overcome the modern challenges we all face. To enhance the pupils' social skills and emotional development we place high value on the opportunities they have to engage and appreciate the outdoors.

We aim to develop **respectful**, **community** centred pupils who are **curious** to learn, **kind** to others and the planet and understand the importance of sustainability and **conservation**.



Our History

Hampstead Hill is an independent Nursery and Pre-Preparatory School based in St Stephen's, a magnificent Grade I Listed former church, and the adjacent Grade II Listed School Hall in the heart of Hampstead, London. Further, our Preparatory School is based in All Hallows Hall.

Hampstead Hill School was founded by Hazel Riches in 1949 and has remained in the hands of the same family ever since. This much valued and significant continuity means that the school has a wealth of experience in providing a sound, traditional and happy education for pupils from 2 years to 11 years of age.

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have their classrooms in the restored Grade I St Stephen's, which stands proudly in the upper section of the site. They also have full use of all areas of this majestic building during the school day, including what must be one of the largest school halls in London. Further, many clubs are held in St Stephen's. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have their classrooms at All Hallows Hall.

All the pupils have opportunities to use St Stephen's for music, movement and exercise classes, and the Upper School music, singing and dance classes are all held there. This space is also a wonderful venue for Reception Year shows.

The school benefits from being only a few minutes' walk from all the wonders of Hampstead Heath with its various playgrounds as well as the historic and most interesting Kenwood Estate.







School Aims

Hampstead Hill provides the peace of mind and security that comes with traditional teaching and values. Alongside a wide and varied syllabus, we offer a balanced, nurturing and happy environment that gives pupils a stimulating and exciting introduction to early education and encourages them to learn and grow.

With so many parents running extremely busy lives, it is important that a School recognises the pressures of today's working arrangements.

Hampstead Hill offers flexible hours for all pupils, with facilities available for up to ten hours a day, 51 weeks a year. For parents who need it we run a varied and exciting Holiday Scheme during all half-term and holiday periods for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



Nurse and Pre-Preparatory School Opening Hours:

7:45 am – 5:30 pm

51 weeks a year

Every pupil at Hampstead Hill is given the opportunity, with the help of structured activities, play equipment and many other resources, to develop their emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities, thus preparing them for the next stage of their educational journey.







School Structure

There are nine Year Groups at Hampstead Hill and each Year Group consists of four classes.

Nursery School

Early Years (age 2–3) – capacity of the classes are 24

Pre-Reception (age 3–4) – capacity of the classes are 24

Pre-Preparatory School

Reception (age 4–5) – capacity of the classes are 24

Year 1 (age 5-6) – capacity of the classes are 20

Year 2 (age 6-7) – capacity of the classes are 20

Preparatory School – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, capacity of the classes are 20

Clubs

HHS offers a variety of after school clubs including Fencing, Gymnastics, Drama, Football, iBrick and Chess. The fees are based on the number of lessons per term.

Holiday Scheme

During the half term and holiday periods Hampstead Hill runs Holiday Schemes for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We have full day workshops in activities like Drama, Dance, Circus skills and gymnastics, iBRICK (lego) and Football. All of these are taught by professionals in their field and therefore, the children are under the care of those organisations while on our site. We also have local days out to Golders Hill Park and Hampstead Heath, activity days in school with Arts & Crafts, occasional outings and cinema/film days.

The cost of these activities varies from £20-£40 per day depending on the activities. Details are sent out approximately 2-3 weeks before the relevant period.





The Nursery School

All pupils are taught the beginnings of Reading, Writing and Numeracy as part of the daily syllabus, working to fulfil the Welfare, Learning and Development Requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework Curriculum.

Hampstead Hill provides a broad, varied curriculum including music and movement, art, craft, drama, poetry, nature study and language development. Spanish is taught from Pre-Reception upwards.

The Early Years classes have a high staff to pupil ratio and every member of staff promotes the happiness, health and education of the pupils through loving care, adult and child-initiated play and early learning activities.

In Pre-Reception, we include aspects of the EYFS learning requirements. The main focus is learning through play, with teachers organising activities tailored to the specific interests of a child or group of pupils. As the year progresses, pupils in Pre-Reception are encouraged to take part in more formal learning situations so that they are able to actively participate in class lessons when they move into Reception.

All pupils in Pre-Reception are expected to stay at school until at least 2.15 pm as we cannot fit the expanding syllabus into just the mornings from this stage.

Please note the school is not under any obligation to keep a pupils' place open if fees are unpaid.



The Pre-Preparatory School

In Reception the EYFS curriculum is not adhered to as it is advantageous for us to integrate our own curriculum requirements to align with the 7+ aspirations of the school. The syllabus remains broad, but lessons become more formal and, in preparation for Year 1, Reading is sent home daily with Literacy and Numeracy homework being introduced in the Spring Term. Singing, music and movement activities, in every form, are an important part of the syllabus and the Reception classes put on two performances during the year.

Reception Year staff maintain an appropriate balance of formal and play based learning and take great care to ensure that all children are nurtured and supported throughout the year before they move into their Year 1 classes.

There are four Year 1 classes in which formal learning and regular homework are part of the curriculum. Spanish classes become more formal, and pupils are also introduced to weekly Computing and Swimming lessons.



At the start of the Summer Term, Year 2 pupils, who have finished entrance examinations, move into post-exam classes, giving the pupils in Year 1, who are due to sit 7+ examinations, three full terms with the Year 2 Class Teachers.

The Upper School Year Groups have a weekly assembly where each class will take it in turns to present a topic related to spiritual, moral, social or cultural objectives, fundamental British values or relevant class work.

Although the Upper School runs on a three-term basis, from 8.50 am to 3.40 pm, our extended hours service, 7.45 am – 5.30 pm is available to all pupils.

The Preparatory School

The Hampstead Hill Preparatory School will open in September 2024 at All Hallows Hall.

The Prep branch will grow as follows with one class per year group:

September 2024 – Year 3

September 2025 – Years 3 & 4

September 2026 – Years 3, 4 & 5

September 2027 – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Throughout Key Stage 2, Hampstead Hill's broad and exciting curriculum, consisting of 11 subjects that support the pupils' academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural developments will continue to be the focus. The subjects are:

Topic - Geography and History, English, Mathematics, Science, PSHE - including RSE & P4C, Computing, Spanish, Drama, Art - including Design and Technology, Music, PE including – PE, Yoga & Swimming, and Conservation.

We will prepare pupils for the challenges of the 11+ examinations to a wide range of Senior schools.

Pupils in the Preparatory school will regularly visit St Stephen's for assemblies, whole-school events and various lessons. Further, pupils will participate in sports between other schools and may choose to play a musical instrument.

Pupils can be elected as their class Eco Guardian and School Council representative to hold a leadership role within the school.



The school curriculum aims to enable pupils to achieve the necessary academic standards while fully developing their individual personalities and talents.

Children in Years 1-6 have the opportunity to be elected as their class 'Guardian of the Planet' where they attend weekly meetings focused on implementing and improving conservation practices at HHS. Further, children can be elected as their 'School Council' representative where they serve as a leader for pupil voice to discuss potential issues or concerns with their classmates and Teachers.

Children leave the Upper School with the self-confidence that will enable them to enjoy and benefit fully from the new and exciting environment that awaits them at their next School.





Targeted Support

Our dedicated Targeted Support Team provide learning support for all pupils. With direction from our Heads of Years, the Targeted Support Team use our assessment data to identify children requiring support or extension sessions. Typically, the sessions run weekly across a half-term – all pupils will complete a pre and post assessment to measure the impact of the targeted support.

Targeted Support is available for Pre-Prep and Prep pupils at Hampstead Hill School.

Forms of Targeted Support may include one-to-one, small groups for core subjects, reading, handwriting, phonics, gross motor skills and fine motor skills.

Pastoral Care

Through its pastoral care arrangements and provision, Hampstead Hill School demonstrates its continuing concern for the personal and social development of all pupils through integrating into the school's daily routines across the curriculum and its extracurricular activities.

All staff work together to create a safe and caring atmosphere in which pupils and staff can feel happy and secure.

We encourage a sense of achievement, self-worth, moral responsibility and mutual respect. We recognise that each member of our school community is special and unique. Gifts and talents are valued and nurtured through all our work.

The ethos of the school will be reflected in the moral, intellectual, personal and social development of our pupils. It is achieved by all staff promoting and facilitating an atmosphere of care and respect within the formal and informal life of the school community.

Catering

All catering is done on site by our catering teams. We provide a healthy, well-balanced and nutritious menu using largely organic, locally sourced ingredients. All meals are gluten and dairy free with vegetarian and vegan options. Our kitchens maintain a five-star rating with the Local Authority.

The snack and lunch menu can be found online at <http://www.hampsteadhillschool.co.uk/>

The large and beautiful garden that surrounds the School is in constant use, all year, and is an added source of happiness in the pupils' lives at school.

Further, pupils have access to a meadow on the school grounds which allows for a forest-based play environment and provides an opportunity for outdoor learning.

All pupils have regular access to Hampstead Heath and a Recreation centre for PE and games.



Our 7+ Results



At Hampstead Hill we are very proud of the achievements of all our pupils. The following is a list of schools at which pupils have been awarded places for entry at 7+ years of age.

- Academy School
- Belmont (Mill Hill) School
- Bute House
- Channing School
- City of London Juniors
- Devonshire House
- Dulwich College
- Haberdashers' Aske's School
- Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls
- Highgate School
- King Alfred School
- King's College School
- Lyndhurst House School
- Merchant Taylors
- North Bridge House School
- North London Collegiate School
- Queens College Preparatory School
- St Anthony's School
- St. Christopher's School
- St. Margaret's School
- St. Mary's School
- St. Paul's Juniors
- St. Paul's Cathedral Choir School
- South Hampstead High School
- The Hall School
- Trevor Roberts School
- University College School
- Westminster Cathedral Choir School
- Westminster Under School
- Wetherby School





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