



Hendon
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Prospectus



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Welcome

At Hendon Prep we aim to prepare all our children for the future and the many challenges that this will bring.



We are a local school and the school of choice for many parents in North London who share our collective ambition of developing the potential in every child.

We offer a stimulating and exciting curriculum in well-resourced classrooms. Lessons are taught in small class groups and delivered by subject specialists who have the direct responsibility for the teaching and learning of all children in their care. Teaching is creative and imaginative and we set high academic expectations for all our pupils, notwithstanding that we are academically non-selective. Children are also prepared for transition to some of the most selective senior schools at 11+ and 13+ respectively.

All our children are encouraged to take risks and to be confident and independent learners. We want our children to engage enthusiastically with knowledge and to embrace new ideas and to be intellectually stimulated and extended beyond their age.

Hendon Prep believes in working closely with all parents to ensure that we create a warm and friendly environment for our children to flourish as life-long learners. We are also minded to develop the whole-child and we encourage all our children to develop key values, such as honesty, integrity, respect and tolerance for the views of others. Together we celebrate our individuality and our differences and we look for the uniqueness in every child.

Mark Lloyd-Williams
Headmaster



key facts

- We are a co-educational school for children aged 2 to 13
- We offer a personalise approach to learning which ensures that every child's potential is realised
- Our enhanced academic and co-curricular programme is what sets us apart from most other schools and enables us to offer outstanding opportunities for every child
- We offer a secure and nurturing environment where pupils feel valued & safe, empowering & encouraging them to be bold and take calculated risks
- Our talented and innovative teachers challenge pupils on a daily basis, building confidence and curiosity and helping them to develop a life-long love of learning
- Our approach to teaching from day one ensures that Hendon Prep pupils consistently achieve excellent results at both 11+ and 13+, enabling them to move on to some of the most selective senior schools in the country

Pre-School



Rated 'outstanding' in our last independent SIS report, the main aim of our Pre-School (Nursery) is to provide a setting where the children feel emotionally safe and secure, with the opportunity to grow and develop at their own pace. From day one we encourage independence and individuality, as they form the basis on which autonomous learning can grow.

The Pre-School environment is friendly, stimulating and nurturing and offers a dynamic time-tabled curriculum which includes; French, ICT, Classics, Tennis, Forest School, Street Dance and Art plus daily lessons in maths, literacy and pre-reading.

The learning area in the Pre-School comprises of a large classroom that has been recently refurbished with an adjoining conservatory for messy activities. We also have a wonderful outdoor classroom and the fabulous, newly refurbished, main school playground where children can explore and develop their gross motor skills.

The Pre-School is an integral part of the school; all the school facilities are used to the full and there are plenty of opportunities for Pre-School parents and children to join in whole school events.

Children can join our Pre-School when they are 2 years old and age appropriate Pre-School children are given first consideration for our sought after Reception places.

We offer a tried and tested 'settling in' process for all of our new joiners so that they feel safe and secure in their new environment from day one. Each new pupil is allocated a key person when they join the Pre-School who will develop a genuine bond with them. This key person will play an important role in helping the child to settle and to navigate social interactions and routines.

"The Early Years' provision is outstanding in meeting the needs of all children who attend the school. Staff effectively implement broad educational programmes to provide excellent outcomes for children of all ages".

SIS Inspection

Pre-Prep

From a child's perspective, the transition from Pre-School to the Pre-Prep is a seamless one. Our Reception class provides a continuation of our 'outstanding' Early Years Provision, where the dynamic curriculum is further enriched by subject specialist teaching in French, ICT, Art and Music which run in parallel with the expert teaching delivered by our Reception teachers.

As the children move into Year 1 a more formal style of learning is introduced. There is a focus on subject based learning that includes cross-curricular activities and the children are encouraged to be increasingly independent. Numeracy and literacy skills form the bedrock of our teaching as it is through these areas that the children can then access the broad and wide ranging curriculum on offer. The children will also study Science, History, Geography, RE, PE and PSHE and they continue to benefit from subject specialist teaching in Art and DT, Music, ICT and French.

In Year 2 many subjects continue to be cross-curricular. Literacy studies sees the development of creative writing, maximising the pupils' growing written vocabulary and they continue to enjoy solving real-life maths problems applying what they have learnt and demonstrating their knowledge and understanding.

Year 3 is an important transition year at Hendon Prep where children prepare for their move into Senior Prep. The Year 3 children follow a broader curriculum which has been devised to stimulate and challenge them, giving them the confidence they need to begin to question and enquire for themselves and become critical thinkers.



"Hendon prep is an outstanding school with committed teachers who deeply care about the students and their progression."

Year 2 Parent

PSHE lessons, which usually takes the form of 'circle time', provide an opportunity for pupils to explore their growing level of responsibility, whilst feeling supported by the guidance and encouragement of their teachers.

We promote high levels of achievement and effort and encourage pupils to take pride and a greater responsibility in their work. As the year progresses the children's sense of pleasure in their self-motivated achievements grows, laying a solid foundation for future study habits.



Senior Prep

As pupils enter the Senior Prep our children are encouraged to be more independent learners and they are encouraged to take greater responsibility for their work routines. Our aim is to enrich the children's learning and broaden their horizons as critical-thinkers.

After every half-term break children sit assessments based on the ISEB curriculum which is used to measure a child's progress. This also helps prepare children for the more rigorous ISEB curriculum in Year 5.

From Year 5 onwards the way in which the children work changes completely. They are no longer primarily based in one room but move around the school and are taught by individual subject teachers in dedicated classrooms. Each year group will continue to have a Form Tutor who is responsible for pastoral care.

The curriculum in Year 5 & 6 follows the ISEB structure, so that, as examination season approaches, the children have fully covered the skills and knowledge required for each subject.

In January of Year 5 girls begin their preparation for 11+ Entrance examinations for their senior schools. The examination preparation process is managed with great care, so that the girls feel confident and can realise their full potential.

We keep in close contact with parents, meeting regularly to discuss a child's progress and advice on senior school options.

At Hendon Prep some boys remain with us in Years 7 and 8 and follow the ISEB 13+ Common Entrance Curriculum and work towards their Senior School 13+ Examinations.



That said, we are finding that more and more parents are choosing to enter their sons for 11+ examinations and so, unlike other 13+ Prep Schools, we have taken the decision to support parents in their choices and we will prepare the Year 6 boys alongside the girls who wish to sit the 11+ examinations, working in close partnership with parents.

"My children have been studying at Hendon Prep for the past 2 years. I have noticed great improvement not only academically, but also in terms of their confidence and other important life skills. The school has a nurturing environment and at the same time demands high standards from the pupils".

Year 3 & 4 Parent

Moving on

By the time a child leaves Hendon Prep, our intention is that they have completed a journey where they have discovered their talents and experienced successes. They move onwards with strong self-esteem and a personal belief in what they can achieve.

We maintain excellent links with a range of leading senior schools, and we pride ourselves on our knowledge of what each individual child needs. We strongly believe that "no one school is best for all children", and we have on-going discussions with families to ensure that every child, whether it be at 11+ or 13+, secures a place at the senior school that is right for them.

At Hendon Prep, we have children with a broad range of academic ability. That said, year after year, pupils move on to some of the most highly selective senior schools in the country, including, but not exclusively; Aldenham School, City of London School, City of London School for Girls, Channing School, Haberdashers' Aske's School Boys' School, Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Highgate School, Merchant Taylors' School, Mill Hill School, North London Collegiate School, St Alban's School, South Hampstead High School and Westminster School.



"It is a great school and puts children's welfare first & foremost, providing an excellent education with breadth & depth of learning".

Year 4 Parent



Co-Curricular



As part of our commitment to extend and broaden our children's experience at Hendon Prep we offer a dynamic programme of co-curricular activities.

Sport and exercise is an important part of the time-table at Hendon Prep and from Pre-School (Nursery) upwards it is delivered by specialist providers. Besides making full use of our wonderful new playground we also utilise fabulous local facilities such as Hendon Gym, Wilf Slack Playing fields and Poolside Manor swimming pool.

Our co-curricular clubs and activities are continually evolving and have included such activities as construction club, story-telling and drama, football, ballet, Art, netball, hand-bells, board-games, ICT, Greek, Spanish, chess and library clubs. Children are actively encouraged to join these programmes which run both during lunchtime and after-school.

In addition we also run a homework club and clubs focussing on examination prep.

Drama and Music also thrive at Hendon Prep where many children take individual instrumental lessons, join the choir or take a LAMDA lunchtime club.



School Trips

Trips and visits are an important part of a child's learning experience that will offer first-hand memories that will stay with a child far longer than simply reading about it in a book or researching it on the internet. At Hendon Prep we are fortunate to have teaching staff who are enthusiastic about planning school trips to enhance our children's education. We offer a broad range of trips throughout the school, from those which relate directly to the curriculum and other residential trips to enhance character development.



Admissions

Due to the high demand for places at Hendon Prep we always advise that parents register their children with us as soon as possible, as places are offered in order of application.

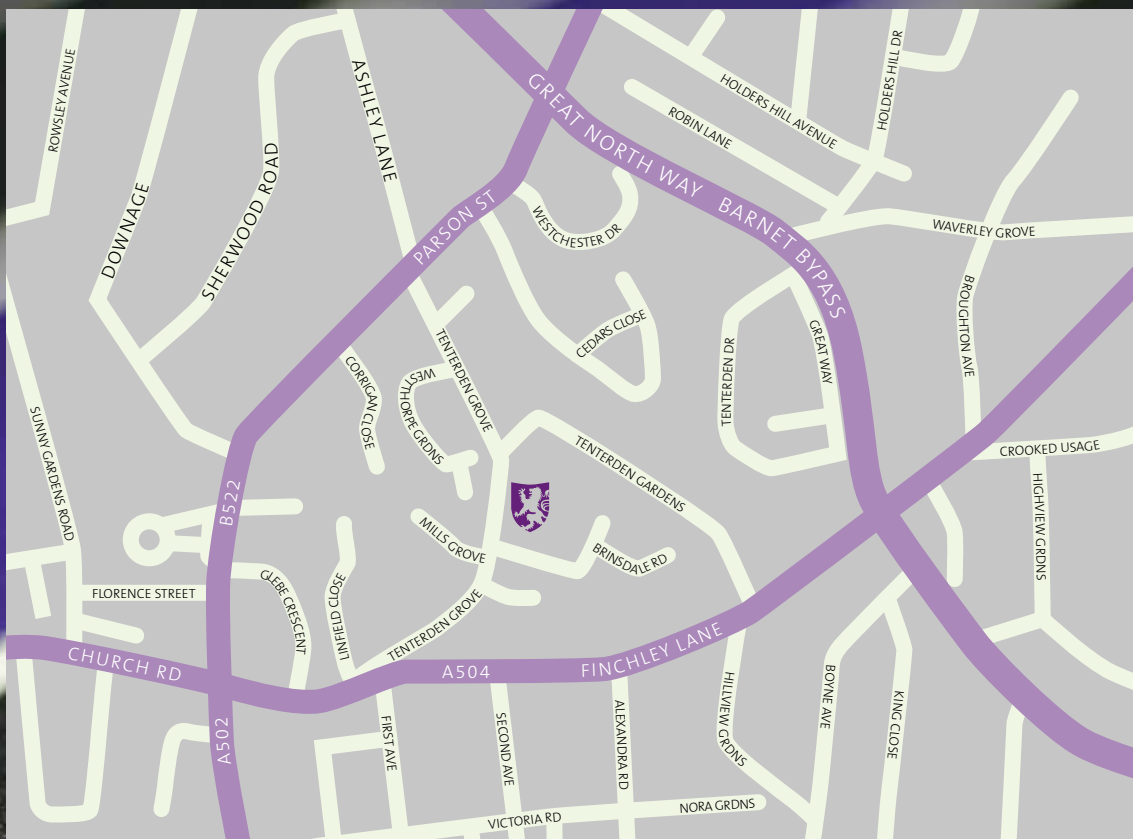


The main entry points into the school are at 2 years old through our Pre-School or at 4 years old into our Reception class, although from time to time we do have places become available in Years 1 – 8.

Although we are academically a non-selective school we must ensure that we are able to meet a child's educational and emotional needs and so, from Reception upwards, we assess all children who wish to apply for a place at Hendon Prep. These assessments are not a pass or fail examination and we do not de-select children based on their academic abilities, we simply use the assessments to ensure we do not admit children whose needs we cannot meet.

For further information on registering your child and to arrange a visit please contact our Admissions Team on 020 8203 7727. We are always delighted to meet prospective parents.





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