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An EXCELLENT Independent Prep School  
for children aged 3- 13 years



*Each child is valued as an individual and we encourage every child to 'be their own brilliant'.*

# WELCOME TO NEWLAND HOUSE

**With over 125 years of history, Newland House is proud to have a strong sense of tradition, but continues to be at the forefront of education.**

Each Newland House child is valued as an individual. They are encouraged to discover their own unique passions and interests, and nurtured to achieve their full academic, sporting and creative potential. We want them to discover their own brilliance, be fully involved in school life: enjoy learning, cherish friendships and make lasting childhood memories.

Our curriculum is innovative, broad and ambitious and we continuously seek fresh ideas to enhance our pupils' learning experiences, in the classroom and beyond.

I'm fortunate to lead a team of dedicated teachers and staff, supported by our Governors, who go above and beyond for our pupils. You are also a vital part of your child's educational journey and we place great value on the bond that we foster between pupils, parents, and the School.

I believe that a Newland House education empowers children to become the best possible version of themselves. They will leave us as confident, empathetic and well-rounded individuals with a strong moral compass and understanding of the role they play in society. This foundation serves as a springboard from which they will thrive at senior school and in life beyond.

Children and their parents consistently comment on the positive, happy and vibrant atmosphere at Newland House. I would encourage you to come in and meet us, as it is only when you step inside our school that you can really appreciate what we are all about.



Chris Skelton  
Head







## OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1897, Newland House is one of the oldest and largest Prep Schools in the area. Our recent Independent Schools Inspectorate report found us to be **EXCELLENT** in all areas.

Our welcoming Pre-Prep and Prep School sits on a 5-acre site in a quiet residential area. Alongside well-equipped classrooms and ample outdoor space, our pupils benefit from two Science labs, an outstanding Design and Technology workshop, a state-of-the-art Computing suite and a well-stocked library. We have a purpose-built music block and two large multi-functioning halls, one of which has

retractable seating and a professional lighting and sound system to support the School's ambitious productions. Onsite sports facilities include two artificial grass pitches, a hard court and cricket nets. Just a short distance away, we use the extensive grounds of Bushy Park Sports Club for field sports.



# INSPIRING LEARNING & NURTURING POTENTIAL

**We're passionate about inspiring a life-long love of learning and bringing out the brilliance in every child.**

At the core of our approach is a balanced curriculum which gives every child the opportunity to explore their academic, sporting and creative passions. Your child will be encouraged to be intellectually curious, motivated question and discover the world around them.

We are committed to supporting every pupil's unique learning journey. Our teachers continuously assess progress to tailor their teaching strategies, ensuring that each learner maximises their potential.

In our Pre-Prep the class teacher's role is complemented by specialist teaching in Music, PE and French. As children advance through the school, they increasingly learn from passionate subject specialists, many of whom bring senior school experience.

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be taught by specialists in Design and Technology, Music, Art, Drama, Games and PE, Swimming, French and Computing. From Year 3 onwards, Maths is taught in sets. From Year 5, English is also taught in sets by specialist teachers as children prepare for their 11+ or 13+ entrance exams. Science, History, Geography and Reasoning are also specialist subjects, and in Year 6 upwards Latin is introduced. From Year 7, our Senior Prep pupils begin to learn Spanish in addition to French.

Our experienced Learning Enrichment team is on hand to empower children with the additional support and skills needed to fully access the curriculum as well as offering further extension and challenge for our more able pupils. There also is dedicated support available for children joining us with English as an additional language (EAL).

*'Pupils display excellent attitudes to learning and are enthusiastically engaged in all activities. Pupils develop excellent skills and knowledge across the curriculum.'*

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# EMBRACING KINDNESS & BUILDING COMMUNITY

We care passionately about teaching our pupils the core values of kindness, honesty, courage, respect and community. Within our school, we foster an environment where everyone, from pupils to parents and staff, discovers a genuine sense of home.

*'We have had the best experience. Not only academically stretching but the pastoral care and importance placed on having strong values is second to none.'*

Parent



# CULTIVATING CHARACTER & FOSTERING EMPATHY

We believe that character is key, and we are committed to helping our pupils to bring out the best in themselves, and those around them.

We want to equip them with a moral compass, a strong work ethic, a deep sense of empathy and a desire to make a positive difference to the lives of others and within society.



# PREPARING YOUNG MINDS FOR LIFE

Regardless of the direction the world takes, we understand and anticipate the skills that children will need in the future. We help prepare them to be adaptable, think critically, collaborate effectively and communicate clearly.



*"Pupils show an excellent understanding of moral issues and a mature readiness to take responsibility for their own behaviour."*

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# PRE-PREP EARLY YEARS

(Nursery and Reception)

The Early Years Hub sits at the very heart of our Pre-Prep and marks the start of your child's journey through Newland House. It is here that we lay the foundations for a love of learning.

We fully embrace the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and our approach revolves around nurturing the fundamental building blocks of effective learning: Playing and Exploring, Creating and Thinking Critically, and Active Learning. In small classes, we blend discovery and exploration through independent play with carefully structured teacher-led activities.

We are passionate about reading and each day your child will choose a book suited to their own learning journey. Phonics are gradually introduced through the Read Write Inc phonics scheme which teaches sounds (phonemes), letters (graphemes) and how to write them. We focus on strengthening foundational knowledge of numbers through repetition and problem solving and favour an interactive and hands-on way of learning Maths.

Each week your child will have PE, French and Music lessons with a specialist teacher. They will visit the school library and enjoy a cookery session. A real highlight is our weekly Forest School, where the woodlands become our classroom. Happiness remains at the core of our ethos; it is the most crucial ingredient to a child's future success and underpins our approach to every school day. We are dedicated to giving your child a happy and secure start to their school life.

*You've created such a warm and nurturing environment that sparks curiosity and love for learning. We appreciate it so much!*  
Parent





*Pupils work at their own pace and each step builds on their previous learning experiences, ensuring they have a crucial firm foundation for future learning.*



## PRE-PREP (Year 1 and Year 2)

**Children in Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) follow a bespoke curriculum, based around the National Curriculum, which builds upon their experience in the Early Years. Play-based discovery and hands-on learning will continue to be integral to our approach.**

We create an individualised learning experience, suited each child's emerging learning style and preferences, which enables your child to continue to grow in confidence, resilience and independence.

The school day starts with a focus on numeracy and literacy, followed by topic-based learning and specialist-taught subjects, such as French, PE and Music, in the afternoon.

Reading continues to be a focus and every child will read to an adult at school three times a week. In Year 2, Maths or English writing are also supported in these dedicated one-to-one sessions, depending on where the need of the individual child lies.

Handwriting is developed and children are given weekly spellings to practise to consolidate what they have been learning in class. In Maths, we follow the 'Inspire Maths' scheme which supports a mastery approach to learning and gives children a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

Children are inspired to learn and develop their understanding of the world through an exciting range of diverse topics, such as toys, India and Fairtrade. This is perfect preparation for Prep and the variety that the curriculum brings.

There are opportunities for all children to take up a musical instrument and to perform in music concerts and drama productions on stage!

In Year 2, children begin to take on additional responsibilities. Every half term, four children from each class are voted onto the School Council where they get the opportunity to have their voice heard on school improvements and projects.

At the end of Year 2 your child will move into Year 3 in the Prep School. Our support and preparation ensures that this transition is as smooth as possible.





## PREP (Year 3 to 6)

**Our Prep School is vibrant and stimulating. It brings a wealth of exciting new opportunities, experiences, and responsibilities which deepen and expand upon the firm foundations established in Pre-Prep.**

Pupils are challenged in their learning, empowered to become increasingly independent and organised, and to develop critical thinking and creative study skills. All children are actively encouraged to seize every opportunity available to them and to contribute positively to both the School and the wider community.

In Year 3 and Year 4 children, spend time with their form teacher for core subjects, while enjoying a range of lessons from specialist teachers who nurture a passion and appreciation for the subjects they teach. From Year 5 onward, pupils move between classrooms for an even wider variety of specialist subjects. Maths and English are taught in sets and we introduce Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning in timetabled lessons. There is a focus on developing exam techniques, time management, and revision skills without compromising the breath of curriculum. This comprehensive approach ensures that our pupils have the best possible advantages for success in their 11+ or 13+ senior school applications.

Our House system, comprising Saturn, Jupiter, Vulcan, and Neptune, instills a strong sense of community and belonging. Pupils earn House points and represent their House in sports and music events. Roles such as Prefect, House Captain or Librarian provide a real opportunity for responsibility and leadership. Form Captains and Vice Captains represent their classes at the School Council, collectively enabling a diverse range of children to have their voice heard.



*'Boys who stay on for the Senior Prep years leave us mature, confident and well prepared. It's why Heads value boys joining their senior schools at Year 9.'*

Chris Skelton, Head

# SENIOR PREP (Year 7 and 8)

**The final two years at Newland House are some of the most exciting years of your child's Prep School education.**

Children develop in maturity at the 'top' of the school and grow in confidence. There is plenty of opportunity for leadership and responsibility with roles such as House Captain, Head Boy, Senior Sports Captain and mentoring of younger peers.

We start to move towards GCSE preparation and the academic rigour required. Pupils are challenged in small classes where there is the flexibility to explore topics in depth and develop and hone key subject-specific skills, often working towards Scholarships at 13+.

Within our bespoke Personal Development Programme (PDP) we help develop our senior pupils as global citizens.

Pupils learn entrepreneurship and how to give back to the community while building competency in teamwork, flexibility, collaboration, effective communication, organisational skills and critical thinking.

Boys take part in an exciting schedule of competitive sports fixtures and we run a very popular international senior cricket tour. Across the Arts, boys perform in annual Drama productions and public speaking competitions, as well as having the opportunity to participate in choirs and concerts.

During the second half of the Summer term, Year 8 pupils enjoy a leavers' programme of activities which is a true celebration of their time at Newland House and helps prepare them for the transition to Year 9 of senior school.







# DIGITAL LEARNING

**The seamless integration of technology enhances our educational approach and is central to delivering innovative and engaging learning experiences.**

We empower our pupils to become digital creators not digital consumers; to be able to make games not just play them, and to write code not just use the software. In an increasingly interconnected world, we want to equip our pupils with the essential skills needed to thrive in the 21st century.

Classrooms are well-equipped with interactive white boards. There are 30 desk top computers in our impressive Computing suite and all children have access to iPads. From Year 5, pupils will have their own iPad for use at school under our one-to-one iPad scheme, giving them greater independence in their learning.







# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We will make sure that your child has the freedom to take full advantage of a well-rounded and balanced education that extends far beyond the classroom.

We regularly invite guests in to deliver workshops which ignite curiosity and encourage hands-on learning. Recent experiences have included meeting Santa's reindeer, indulging in a chocolate workshop, diving into the captivating world of Shakespeare and meeting a real explorer!

Our pupils' learning is enriched and the curriculum extended through day trips to theatres and historical and cultural locations, as well as attractions such as Wisley Gardens and Bocketts Farm. We are lucky to be able to capitalise on our proximity to London as well as venturing further afield,

Beginning in Year 3, your child will have the chance to go on an annual educational residential trip. This reflects their growing independence and also helps them to develop strong interpersonal skills and lifelong bonds.



# WELLBEING

**Our commitment to your child's happiness and wellbeing runs deep and is core to all we do. We want every single child in our school to feel safe, valued and cared for.**

Our pupils know that their problems will be listened to. By providing a supportive network of staff members such as class and form teachers, Heads of Year and school leaders, we ensure that every pupil has access to the guidance and support they need to thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

In an ever-changing world, we understand the need to prepare your child so that they can navigate their way through adversity with optimism and resilience. Through form time, assemblies, workshops and peer 'buddying' across year groups, we help your child to become the best version of themselves.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) lessons are delivered as part of the school curriculum. Here, topics such as 'healthy body, healthy mind', 'coping with change' and 'healthy, happy friendships' are taught in an age appropriate and sensitive way.

In Pre-Prep, we use stories to teach emotional literacy and spend time talking about and naming different feelings and discuss the ways in which we can manage them. Behaviour is supported in a calm manner and we use praise to ensure every child feels a valued member of their class.

Our Wellbeing Co-ordinator offers individual support and facilitates small group sessions. We even have a four-legged team member, Tilly the therapy dog, who provides additional support and comfort when it is needed.

Everyone in the school is encouraged to show mutual respect for each other's beliefs and individuality through courteous and considerate behaviour. This helps to maintain the supportive and understanding atmosphere that we are so proud of.

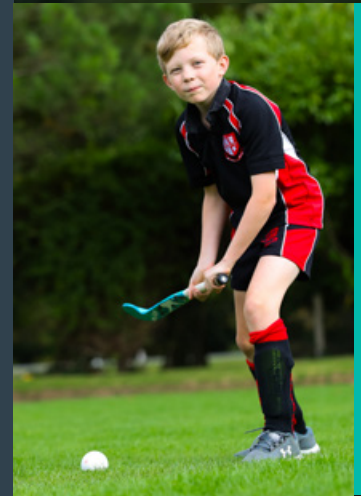


*'Pupils develop excellent self-understanding, in fulfilment of the school's aims to promote the importance of pupils' self-esteem and wellbeing.'*

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# SPORT

At Newland House, Sports and Physical Education play an important role in school life and we are proud of our sporting reputation.

Our ethos is 'sport for all' where each child gets the opportunity to develop their potential to the best of their ability. We are dedicated to nurturing skills, boosting confidence and growing competence. And it is not just about sports – children learn essential life skills like teamwork, discipline, handling wins and losses, and embracing a healthy lifestyle.

We lay the foundation for these skills from Nursery. As pupils progress to the Prep School, we introduce the core sports of football, netball, hockey, rugby and cricket through our Games curriculum. It is important to us that both girls and boys have equal opportunities to participate in all sports offered.

Our commitment to inclusivity goes hand in hand with fostering a spirit of healthy competition. All children will get a chance to represent the School in regular competitive interschool fixtures, local and national tournaments or House competitions.

Swimming, which the children enjoy from Year 3 upwards, is fully inclusive and offers opportunities for children to develop confidence and ability in the water as well as take part in regular galas.

Our Physical Education lessons focus on acquiring skills, understanding the demands and benefits of physical activity, and having fun in an engaging environment. Children are introduced to a broader range of sports and activities such as gymnastics, tennis, badminton and basketball.

*'Our commitment to inclusivity goes hand in hand with fostering a spirit of healthy competition'*





*'Since starting at Newland House I have seen my daughter try new things that I didn't know she was capable of and seen her confidence grow as a result.'*

Parent

# DRAMA

**The Performing Arts play an influential role in our school culture and give all children the opportunity to express their imagination and creativity.**

Immersing children in the world of Drama not only fosters confidence and self-awareness, but also helps them to develop strong communication and performance skills. We pride ourselves in the quality of our performances and every child has many opportunities to shine on stage enabling them to hone their skills and build memories. If your child has a real passion for acting they may also choose to participate in additional LAMDA lessons with one of our highly trained visiting teachers.





# MUSIC

**Learning music with a specialist teacher from Nursery to Year 8, all our pupils are encouraged to experience the joy of performing and creating music.**

Outside of timetabled lessons, there are many opportunities for children to play a musical instrument or join an ensemble or choir.

From Year 1 upwards, approximately 70% of our pupils take advantage of one-to-one lessons offered by our experienced peripatetic music teachers across a broad spectrum of orchestral instruments, singing, drums and guitar.

Getting involved in one of our many choirs is great fun and there really is something for everyone. Our choirs include: Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Newland House Choir, Senior Boys' Choir and a Chamber Choir. Recent annual choir trips have toured Belgium, Cornwall and other parts of the UK. Ensembles include: Orchestra, Guitar, Recorder, Ukulele, Pop-Rock Bands, Strings, Wind, African Drums, plus songwriting and theory groups.





# ART

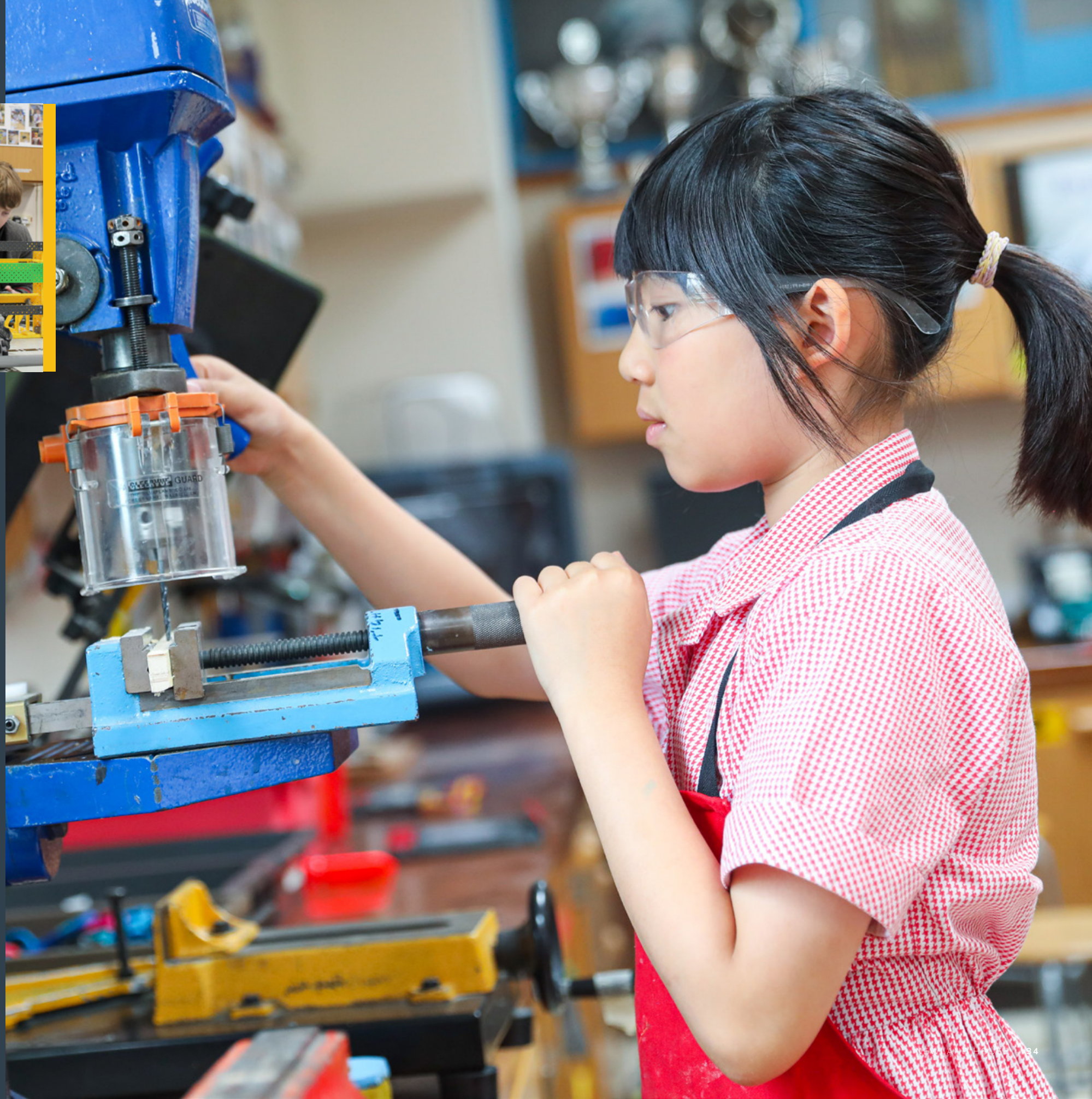
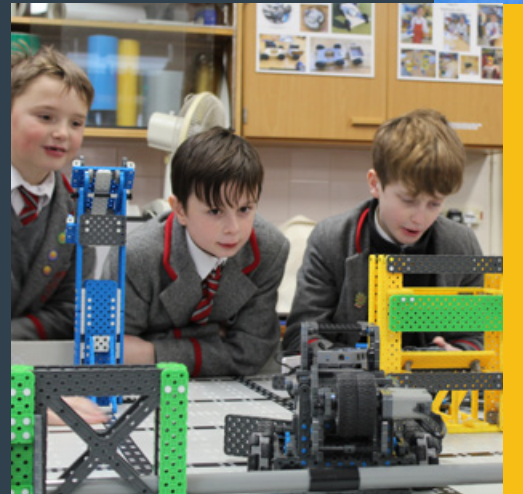
**Creativity flourishes at Newland House and your child will get to experience the pride and satisfaction of seeing their unique and personal visions come to life.**

In the Pre-Prep, children explore different mediums such as finger paints, charcoal, crayons, tissue paper, sand, and clay. They are encouraged to express their imagination and individuality and develop their fine motor skills.

In the Prep School, pupils have a weekly Art lesson where they deepen their appreciation and understanding of successful artists, craftspeople, and designers. They continue to build their skills across a wide range of media, including drawing, painting, textiles, and ceramics. With the expert guidance of our specialist Art teacher, the works created by our pupils are always of an exceptionally high standard, and they regularly participate in local and national art competitions and exhibitions.

At break times, the vibrant Art room is a hive of activity with a number of clubs and Scholarship support groups taking place.





# DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

**In our impressive Design and Technology department, from Year 3 upwards, your child will gain confidence in making their ideas a reality using various materials including wood, metal, plastics and electronic components.**

Pupils are shown the importance of the design process from their initial design concept idea through to development, modelling and a finished product. With careful support and guidance, they learn to use a comprehensive range of handheld and machine tools in a workshop where they can explore traditional and modern manufacturing techniques.

Our pupils have access to a range of modern CAD/CAM equipment including a 3D printer, 3D scanner, vinyl cutter and laser cutter all of which are controlled by software such as 2D Design, Autodesk Fusion, and Trimble SketchUp. Robotics, programming, and problem solving are taught as part of the curriculum and in STEM Club through VEQ Robotics and Sphero Education.



# EXPANDING HORIZONS & EXPLORING PASSIONS



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS & TRIPS

We provide a wide-ranging programme of extracurricular activities, where your child will be encouraged to explore their passions or discover new ones, develop their skills, and build confidence.

Each year, over 70 different clubs are on offer! Facilitated by both staff and external providers, clubs run in the morning, over lunchtime and after school. From Reception to Year 8, our aim is for every child to find their niche. Clubs include basketball, football, netball, ballet and Irish dancing. There is also Entrepreneur club, Money matters, Minecraft, Coding and more.

The opportunities for your child to experience incredible trips at Newland House are plentiful! Adventures to broaden horizons range from skiing in Canada, exploring battlefields in France or the landscapes of Iceland, to playing cricket in St Lucia or touring with the Choir to Cornwall, Liverpool or Belgium.





*'Destination schools show that Newland House's approach, alongside high-quality teaching, yields excellent results for all kinds of children.'*

Good School's Guide



## SENIOR SCHOOL TRANSITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proudly independent of any senior school but maintain strong relationships with the schools your child will go on to. We believe that it is too early to understand where your child will thrive at senior school when they are still very young.

We have an excellent understanding of the senior school admissions processes and we are experienced in preparing our pupils. So, when the time comes, we will be there every step of the way to support you and your child with personal and in-depth advice to guide you to the right school.

Most pupils go on to day schools, gaining places at Epsom College, Halliford, Hampton, King's College School, Kingston Grammar School, Lady Eleanor Holles, Radnor, Reed's, Sir William Perkins's, St Catherine's, St George's Weybridge, St Paul's School and Surbiton High School. A number of pupils join local selective Grammar schools while others choose full or flexi boarding at Wellington College and Charterhouse School amongst others.

Potential scholars are identified and supported by our dedicated staff who are experienced in the scholarship process. We are extremely proud of our scholarship record. Year on year, our pupils gain scholarships to many leading schools at 11+ and 13+ across Academic, Sport, Drama, Art and Music.





# THE SCHOOL DAY

## A typical school day

For our children in Pre-Prep the day begins at 8:25am. There is a snack break and playtime in the morning, lunchtime is from 12pm and there is another break in the afternoon. The school day ends at 3:25pm.

Prep school starts at 8:20am with lunchtime from 12:35 to 1:40pm. There is a morning and an afternoon break and seven lesson periods over the course of the day. The school day ends at 3:50pm. We offer a free sibling club until 3:45pm to help parents who want to coordinate pick-up from both the Pre-Prep and Prep School.

## Food and nutrition

We place great emphasis on healthy eating and all our food is prepared and cooked freshly on site each day in partnership with our specialist contract catering company, Holroyd Howe. All children have a delicious sit-down lunch which they eat in the dining room with their friends and good table manners are encouraged.

## Wrap around care

We know how challenging school hours can be for busy and working parents, so our wrap around care gives you the option to extend the school day. Wrap around care is available for all children from Nursery upwards and children are supervised by a team of qualified and experienced staff. Morning wrap around care is from 7:30 to 8:20am and we offer a daily choice of a freshly cooked breakfast, toast, cereal, croissants, fruit, milk and juice. Afternoon wrap around care starts when school or clubs end until 5pm or 6pm.

## Holiday club

As fun as school holidays are, they can be a real juggle for parents. Open to all Newland House pupils, including those in Nursery, our in-house holiday club covers five weeks of the school holidays - one week in October half term, Christmas and Easter holidays and two weeks in the summer holidays.

## Transport

To support busy, working parents we operate three daily bus services with our own minibuses and friendly drivers. Routes currently run between East Molesey and Hampton, East Sheen and Richmond, and Isleworth and Whitton. You can book one or more journeys each week.

## Uniform

The Newland House school uniform and sports kit can be bought online or locally from School Zone, which is based in Kingston upon Thames.





# ADMISSIONS

We are delighted that you are considering joining Newland House School. We are here to help support you and your family on your admissions journey and to answer any questions you may have.

**Email:** [admissions@newlandhouse.net](mailto:admissions@newlandhouse.net)

**Telephone:** 0208 865 1305

Children begin their Newland House journey in Nursery in the September after turning three and can attend morning sessions and two or more afternoons. You may also choose to join us in Reception in the September after turning four.

## How to Register

Entry into Nursery and Reception is non-selective and places are offered on a first come, first served basis. We recommend registering your child as soon as you have made the decision to join us and this can be done online anytime from birth onwards.

Joining Newland House in Year 1 upwards is dependent on a place being available. We would encourage you to get in touch with us to find out about availability and to discuss your requirements.

## Assessments and Offers

While there is no assessment to join our Nursery or Reception, we want every child who starts at our school to have the best possible experience and we so we welcome you to chat through any particular needs your child may have before joining us. During the summer term before they start school, your child will be invited to take part in our induction welcome programme. This is a gentle way for them to become more familiar with the school, staff and their new peers.

If your child is hoping to join us at any other point, where we have a place available, they will be invited to experience a typical school day during a Discovery Session (Pre-Prep) or Assessment Day (Prep). We will allocate a buddy who will help show them round and make them feel at home and we will spend time finding out more about them and how they settle into the class. For children who wish to join us in the Prep school (Year 3 and above), there will be online tests in English and Maths in the afternoon of their visit.

Following the assessment, you will receive a formal offer to join us and your place can be secured with a deposit which is refundable when your child leaves the school.

## Visit us

Find out the latest Welcome Morning and School Tour dates and sign up online. Individual school tours can also be arranged.



ENQUIRE



VISIT US



REGISTER

# NEWLAND HOUSE IN NUMBERS



Over **125 years** since our school was founded



**70+** different extracurricular clubs on offer



**158** Scholarships awarded since 2019 across Academia, Sport and the Arts



Over **400** fixtures played annually across all sports offered



More than **200** individual music lessons each week



Over **100** pupils participating in weekly LAMDA lessons