



Orchard House School

Sparkling Curiosity, Nurturing Potential

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Co-educational • Day • Ages 3-11




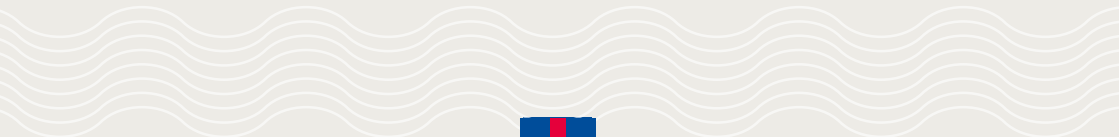
ORCHARD HOUSE  
SCHOOL



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# Welcome from the Heads



Mr Kit Thompson &  
Mrs Henrietta Adams

HEADS

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Today's children, tomorrow's leaders.

Equipping children for the future is a parent's greatest responsibility. The world is changing rapidly and our children will face opportunities and challenges that we can scarcely imagine. Choosing a school that will be a partner, working together to address that responsibility, is a very significant decision for all the family.

At Orchard House School, academic progress and excellent results are delivered as standard; but there is so much more to education and preparing children for their future. Our values of excellence, honesty and kindness shine through everything that we do and provide the bedrock out of which children develop confidence and the love of learning.



The new Orchard House School is built from the strong foundations of two of Chiswick's best loved schools; Orchard House and Chiswick & Bedford Park. By combining their rich histories, academic strength and excellent teaching with pastoral care that cherishes each individual, we are creating a caring community where each child can find their path to success and their place in the world.

The state of the art facilities and re-imagined spaces of our new school are our commitment to your child's future. Together we will enable them to enjoy their childhood, spark their curiosity, nurture their potential and prepare them for life.

As leaders of two exceptional schools, we are united in pursuit of a common vision: to enrich the lives of all who engage with us; children, families, staff, and the wider community. From September 2024, Mrs Adams will be taking the helm as Head of Orchard House School and Mr Thompson is stepping down to embrace precious family time. This change marks a new chapter in our collective journey, filled with fresh opportunities to inspire and empower our educational community toward even greater heights.

Thank you for considering us in your pursuit of holistic excellence; we look forward to welcoming you to Orchard House School.

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# New appearance. Established excellence.

Transformation is underway at Orchard House School.

We are delighted to merge with Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School under the Orchard House School name. Combining years of preparatory school experience, we welcome boys and girls, ages 3-11, to enjoy a spirited co-educational day school in the heart of Bedford Park.

Set in beautiful village surroundings, our new school will offer exciting new facilities developed from our existing sites, including:



a full refurbishment  
of all classrooms



a specially designed Early  
Years centre



a brand-new STEAM  
centre where students will  
have specialist equipment  
for Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Arts & Maths.



three natural, ergonomic  
outdoor play areas



modernised music rooms



an expansive library



all-weather surfaces.  
We will also continue to  
use the excellent sport  
facilities in the local area



a dedicated well-being  
space for pupils



Once the works are completed in 2024, Orchard House School will feature some of the best facilities in the area. Just one of the many ways we are committed to investing in your children's future.



See our  
plans  
online



## Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School

## Orchard House School

**1915** -----  
Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School was established as the local co-educational Independent Prep school

**2010** -----  
The Nursery was added

**2015** -----  
The school celebrated its centenary

**2021** -----  
Chiswick & Bedford Park Prep School became part of Dukes Education

**2023** -----  
Nurseries of OHS and CBPPS combine

**1974** -----

Bassett House School in North Kensington was founded by Sylvia Rentoul

**1993** -----

Sylvia's sons set up Orchard House School on its Newton Grove site

**2010** -----

The school expanded, re-building 2 Rupert Road to house Early Years

**2020** -----

Orchard House, Bassett House and Prospect House became part of Dukes Education

**2021** -----

Building works begin for the combined OHS & CBPPS site

**2024** -----

All classes combine under Orchard House School name





# Our history

Orchard House School sprang out of opposition to the traditional culture that children should be 'seen but not heard'. Founder Sylvia Rentoul had other ideas. It was her firm belief that children should be encouraged to express themselves, and that teaching must, above all else, focus on the individual needs of each child.

Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School has a long tradition of academic excellence and creative flair. Combining the rich history of these two schools will form the foundation of the new, fully co-educational Orchard House School.



# Thinking deeply. Acting bravely.

When you join Orchard House, you  
become part of our school family.

That means academic challenge with warm-hearted care.  
Developing good habits and the willingness to try something new.  
Robust and playful, well-grounded and well-mannered; we live  
our Orchard House School values.





## Excellence

With unrivalled staff, excellent facilities and top-quality extra curricular provision, we offer endless opportunities for children to discover where they excel. Our pupils have ambitious goals and high hopes for their futures. Our culture of excellence offers the best possible preparation for an extraordinary life.

Orchard House excels in all fields, but our sport provision is quite literally award winning! In 2020 we won the prestigious TES award for Innovation in Sport which we are very proud of, but we are certainly not resting on our laurels and we constantly look for new ways to excite children about sport.



## Honesty

Honesty is our guiding principle. With it, we build respectful and genuine relationships. We learn to trust and be trusted by others. Honesty creates a culture where children are encouraged to be themselves. It also means taking responsibility for mistakes and learning from them. It builds resilience and character, making sure our pupils are ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

In the early years we introduce children to the concept of honesty through our Peace Rose table. Children use their time at the table to reflect on their actions and the outcomes of their decisions. We encourage them to think deeply about how they feel and how their actions might have impacted others in both good and bad ways.



## Kindness

We believe kindness bears fruit; that a less self-centred mindset leads to greater and wider success. At Orchard House School, kindness is our pupils' strength. It is active, purposeful and robust. Kindness means courage; standing up when others shy away. And by showing kindness we prepare children to become the considerate and courageous leaders of tomorrow.

Every morning we take a moment to think about the importance of kindness and encourage children to talk about examples of kindness they have witnessed both in and out of school. These are shared on our Kindness Tree and children are awarded certificates for kindness in our Friday assembly.





# A headstart in the outdoors

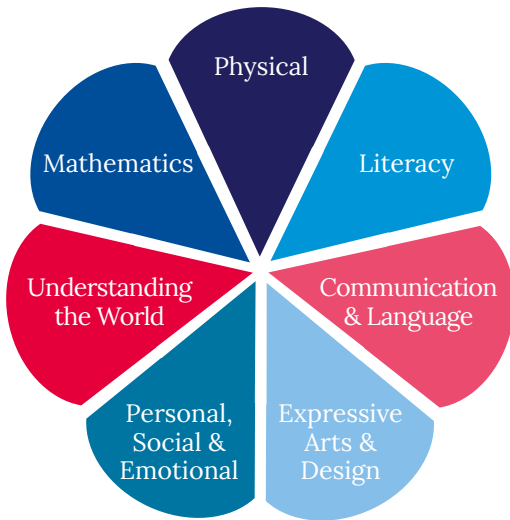
Skipping, running, rolling, jumping! Learning is a hands-on, feet-first affair for our curious young learners. At Orchard House School, we see the natural world as our children's best teacher and put it front and centre of our approach in Early Years.

Early Years are housed at Rupert Road, a building specially designed with our youngest learners in mind. There are sensory displays, cosy, quiet spaces and furniture for little fingers.

Outdoor learning is a significant part of the curriculum with continuous provision made for outdoor play in both the morning and afternoon, every day. Our new playground encourages imaginative adventures, risk-taking and the development of gross motor skills, while our leafy surroundings give children the chance to explore and enjoy nature.




This child-centred approach founded in exploratory play and complemented with the Montessori teaching method in the classroom, helps our young pupils grow into healthy, resilient and independent learners.

We follow the Early Years curriculum, which develops essential skills and knowledge across seven key areas of learning:

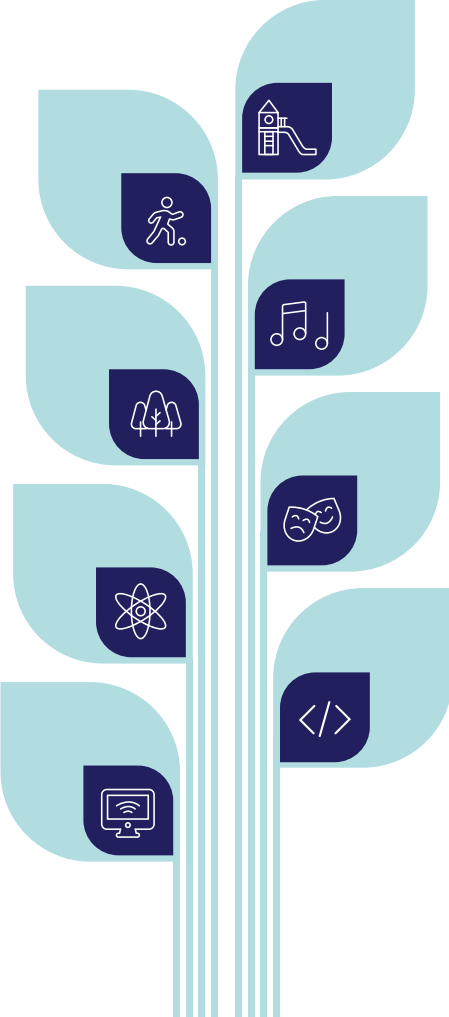


Our children also benefit from specialist lessons in **Music, Drama, Computing, Languages** and **PE**. Pupils have the opportunity to practise their performance skills in a much-loved Nativity play, school productions and assemblies throughout the year.





Our Early Years team is highly qualified and experienced, and their priority is the care and development of every child. We encourage a close relationship between home and school, working in partnership with families to bring out the best in every child.



Montessori is a method of education based on self-directed activities, hands-on learning and collaborative play. The teacher's role is to offer age-appropriate activities and sensitively support children's choices. Montessori classrooms are beautifully crafted to meet the needs of children in a specific age range. It is thought that experiential learning of this type leads to a deeper understanding of language, mathematics, science, music, social interactions and much more...

**See our Early  
Years in action  
by booking a  
visit here**





# Quietly confident. Resoundingly determined.

Refreshingly progressive for a traditional prep school, our approach to teaching and learning is decidedly personal. We nurture children's unique talents and interests, so they can flourish into confident and capable individuals.

What sets Orchard House School apart is the team. Our teachers bring learning to life and inspire a culture of curiosity and intellectual ambition every day.



All our teachers are extraordinary educators and specialists in their field, ensuring that a high standard of academic excellence is guaranteed. Complemented by our wonderful caterers, facilities and office staff, the whole team is committed to creating a supportive community.

By having a knowledge-rich, expansive curriculum that both inspires and challenges, we bring out the very best in our pupils. Inquiry and in-depth learning is encouraged through research, general knowledge homework and open-ended investigations. Additionally, our Thinking Skills programme develops essential skills in problem-solving, collaboration, communication and creativity.

With the redevelopment of our sites, pupils will also benefit from a cutting-edge STEAM building, encouraging learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths, subjects that promise to be increasingly important as we look to the future.

We are very proud that our curriculum gives pupils the knowledge and abilities they need to become confident, ambitious, independent learners for life.



English



Drama



Computing



Science



Religious Studies



History



Latin



Thinking Skills



Mandarin



Dance



Spanish



PE and Sports

Design  
Technology

French



Maths



Art



Geography



Music



PSHE



STEM

# Traditionally Innovative.

Orchard House School is founded on progressive educational ideas, so, true to form, we continue to keep one step ahead, opening a state-of-the-art STEAM centre.

Our new STEAM centre, will boast top-class facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Spaces that feature the latest equipment for plenty of hands-on experiments. Our Technology suite has top of the range computers for children to start coding and programming. The Art and Design studio has a 3D printer, cameras and drawing tablets for digital design. Sound insulated Music rooms let creative energies flow free.

The Orchard House School STEAM centre will be a place where pupils become creators, makers and innovators. A hub that encourages problem-solving, collaboration and curiosity. Most importantly, it will inspire girls and boys of all ages to envision themselves successfully working in the industries of the future.





# Sprinting ahead with a tremendous track record.

Where we excel in academics, we outdo ourselves in Sports.

Having won the prestigious TES Independent School Award for Sport, our Head of Sport went on to win the TES award for innovation in teaching sport.

Children at Orchard House School benefit from top-class coaching and facilities. We make use of local venues, including Rocks Lane in Chiswick, Acton swimming pool and access to much of the Old Actonians Sports Club.

Typically unorthodox, team sports are regularly mixed with boys and girls playing together and enjoying rugby, hockey, netball, cricket and lacrosse. Children test their mettle at tournaments around the country, regularly returning with medals and cups and Sports Day provides the chance to compete for their House.

We offer a wide range of sports clubs both before and after school, which help our squads stay at the top of their game. At Orchard House School we place a premium not just on skills and achievement, but also effort and determination. For us, good sportsmanship is the most important skill we teach.



TES Sports Award



U11 Small Schools IAPS  
netball champions



U11 IAPS netball regional  
runners up



U11 IAPS netball nationals  
runners up



Dukes Cross Country  
Winner



U11 Dukes  
netball winner



U10 Wetherby Football  
Tournament winners



Year 5 pupil IAPS finalist  
25m butterfly



ISA swim finals -  
two Gold medals



# Something for everyone.

Before and after school, our wide range of clubs covering Sports, Arts, Academics and more, means there is truly something for everyone at Orchard House School.

Clubs are a wonderful way for children to develop their talents or just try something new and we encourage all children from Form 1 upwards to sign up. As well as 41 clubs of our own, being part of Dukes Education means that our pupils also have the chance to take part in inter-school activities such as Dukes Debating, Poetry Together and the Dukes Young Leaders Award.



Got questions?  
Contact  
our club's  
co-ordinator



## Before and after school clubs:



### Music

Woodwind Ensemble  
 Pippin Choir  
 Chamber Choir  
 Senior Choir  
 Guitar Ensemble  
 Junior Choir  
 Orchestra  
 Little Voice LAMDA Club  
 Drama Club  
 Dance Club  
 Creative Arts Drama Club  
 M:Tech Creative Composition Club



### Community

School Council  
 Eco-School Committee



### Academics

Book Club  
 Debating Club  
 Science Club  
 Computing & Coding Club  
 French for Native Speakers  
 School Magazine



### Art

Pottery Club  
 Comic Book Making Club  
 Cross-stitch & Embroidery Club  
 Film Making Club



### Sport

Hockey Squad  
 Netball Squad  
 Football Squad  
 Advanced Football Squad  
 Rugby Squad  
 Running Club  
 Swim Squad  
 Advanced Netball Club  
 Multi-Sports Club  
 Judo Club  
 Gymnastics Club



### Other

Chess Club  
 Board Games Club  
 Cooking Club





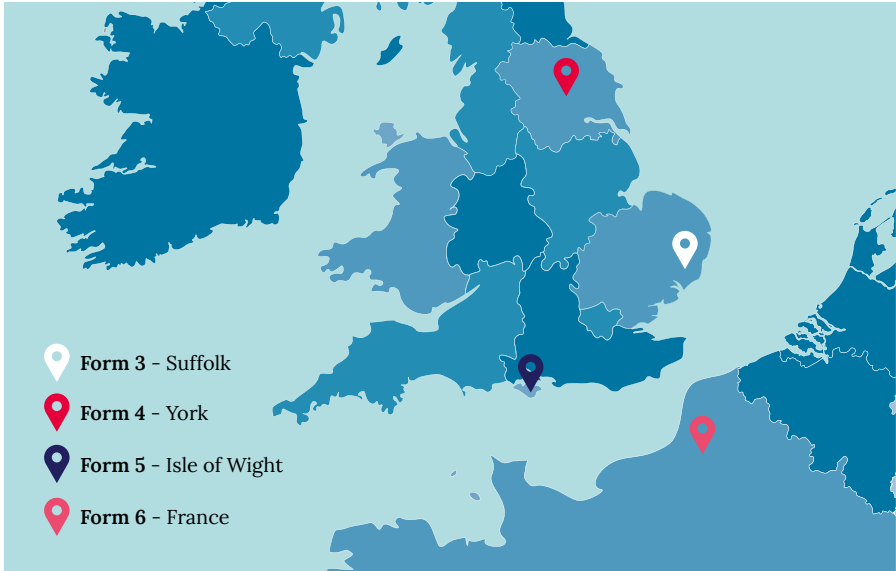
# Crossing borders, feeling right at home

Without doubt, trips provide pupils with some of their most memorable and rich school experiences. From the practicalities of camping to building lasting bonds with friends, children learn a tremendous amount at homes away from home.

## Raft making on the Isle of Wight

Could you make a raft that actually floats? And supports a person, or two? That is exactly what our Form 5 pupils did while on a residential trip on the Isle of Wight. Of course, it is much more than just a fun outdoor activity, it teaches the importance of teamwork, communication, testing theories, making mistakes and always giving something your best try; skills that children will need in all their future endeavours.

At Orchard House School, we begin annual residential trips from Form 3. Children have the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful natural landscapes and villages in England and just across the Channel in France.



Classroom topics are brought to life with regular visits to some of London's top museums and galleries. Children can see real Egyptian sarcophagi, sit in a space shuttle, or walk down the same halls as history's greatest Kings and Queens.

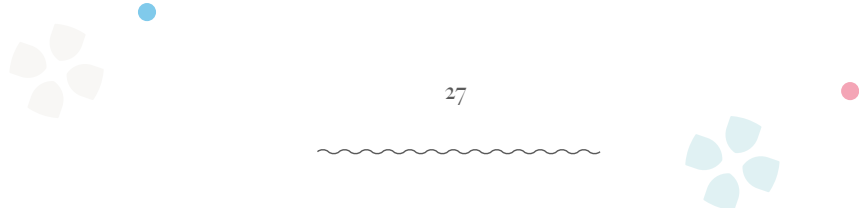
As well as heading beyond the school gates, we hold 'innings', events when we welcome visiting experts to come into school to speak with the children. Children have enjoyed innings on Florence Nightingale, a maths magician and storytelling workshops. Parents also come in to share family traditions and cultural celebrations such as Thanksgiving and Diwali.



# Caring community for flourishing individuals

## The power of song

Parents and staff have joined together to create the Orchard House Choir. Music is a powerful tool that unites people; our parents and staff have joined together to support the school and make beautiful music for the enjoyment of everyone.




At Orchard House School, we meet the lively with energy and the shy with gentleness. We offer the support and encouragement that brings about self-belief and provides the grounding that promotes fulfilment and ultimately lets our pupils soar.

Our caring community ensures that all children at Orchard House School become well-rounded individuals. It rests on our shared values of excellence, honesty and kindness. We teach children to act with goodwill and care, looking out for one another, and building each other up.

Pastoral care is of the utmost importance at Orchard House School. Each child has a Pupil Pastoral Plan where they note any worries privately so that teachers can discreetly check-in and support them. Our buddy system helps newcomers through their early days, and we encourage older children to mentor younger pupils. We support pupils' mental health and wellbeing with a dedicated space for calm reflection.

Our House system adds an important dimension to our school community giving children a sense of belonging and camaraderie. It encourages positive competition, and a time when children celebrate their own successes as well as the achievements of others. Children also regularly organise charitable events to raise money that goes on to support our Chiswick community, and beyond.

We are resolutely proud of our family feel at Orchard House School. Our children are happy, comfortable and confident, to come as they are and then try to go even further. To be the best they can be, with the school community warmly encouraging them on.



# Good grounding for those going places

Preparing for senior school after Orchard House School begins the moment you join. We speak from experience when we say that setting strong foundations early is key. For Orchard House School that means children have the skills, confidence and love of learning that guarantees success wherever they go.

## 2023 11+ Results

### Chiswick and Bedford Park

Our 8 Year 6 pupils were offered places at 20 different schools. There were 3 scholarship awards for academics, drama and sport.

### Orchard House

Our 29 year 6 pupils were offered places at 37 different schools. There were also 9 scholarships awarded for academics, sport and music. We are so proud of every cohort of pupils who always achieve phenomenal results.

With academic excellence as standard, we are politely ambitious for our pupils, who have gone on to some of the UK's best day and boarding schools:

- Benenden
- Charterhouse
- City of London
- Emanuel
- Epsom College
- Francis Holland Schools
- Godolphin & Latymer
- Hampton School
- Ibstock Place
- Kew House
- King's College Wimbledon
- Lady Eleanor Holles
- Latymer Upper
- Notting Hill & Ealing
- Queen's Gate
- St Paul's Girls'
- St Paul's Juniors
- St. Benedict's
- The Harrodian

Many talented individuals are offered scholarships in Music, Drama, Art, Sport and Academics to top senior schools.

By the end of an Orchard House School education, you can trust that a well-rounded, happy child will be heading on to the school that is right for them.

Check out our 11+  
timeline and learn  
about priority entry  
to senior schools.





# Join Orchard House

Our main point of entry is Nursery (3+). Occasional places are sometimes available from Reception or above.

In these cases, the best way to find if there is a space is to speak with our Admissions Manager. If there is an opening, your child will be invited to take an English and Maths assessment before having a taster day at the school.

**1 Register** - to apply for a place, please fill out the registration form after which you will receive an email confirming that your child is on the waitlist. We encourage parents to register as soon as possible after birth, to give children the best chance of receiving a place.

**2 Visit** - after registering, we would love to host you for a visit and a meeting with the Heads of both schools. This can be organised with the Admissions department at a time that suits you. Please email [registrar@orchardhs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@orchardhs.org.uk)

**3 Offers** - offers are sent approximately 18 months before a child is due to start, usually the Spring of the year before they join us.

- a. Priority is given to siblings of current pupils and pupils who join us from Dukes Education nurseries or schools, and are then made in order of registration.
- b. We will email you to inform you if your child has been offered a place with a parent contract and acceptance form for you to sign and return.
- c. If an offer isn't received in the first instance, we will always keep your child's name on the waiting list to be offered a place if one becomes available in future.

**4 Acceptances** - to accept your child's place, you will need to sign and return the acceptance form, provide a copy of your child's passport, and pay a deposit of £3,000 directly into the school's account. This deposit will be refunded when your child leaves the school. For full T&Cs, please see our Admissions Policy.

### Joining us from abroad?

All we need is confirmation of your child's right to reside, which can be confirmed with a copy of their passport and right to reside or visa. For more details, scan here.



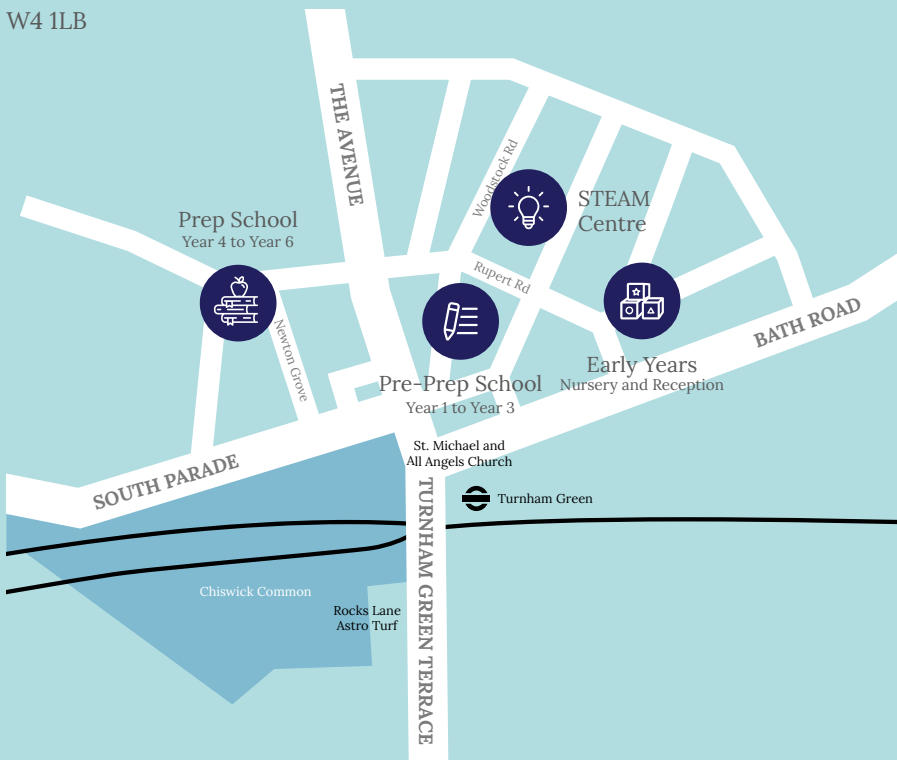
# Contact Us

We would be delighted to answer your questions.

For admissions or visits contact: [registrar@orchardhs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@orchardhs.org.uk)

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“Dukes Education is a **family** of schools and educational services based in the UK. Our schools are **distinctive** in identity and style, yet united in offering outstanding teaching and learning, providing the strongest **foundations** for young people to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives.”

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# Sparkling Curiosity, Nurturing Potential

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