



Orchard House School

Sparking Curiosity, Nurturing Potential

Co-educational • Day • Ages 3-11







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Welcome from the Head



Mrs Henrietta Adams

HEAD

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Welcome to Orchard House School

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the new Orchard House School. Our recent merger with Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, where we blend the rich traditions and strengths of both schools to create an even more vibrant and nurturing educational environment.



At Orchard House, we believe in sparking curiosity and nurturing potential in every child. Our bespoke curriculum, The Learning Orchard, enriched with state-of-the-art facilities and innovative teaching, is designed to prepare our children not just for exams, but for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow's world. We are committed to providing an education that is both academically rigorous and deeply supportive, ensuring that each child flourishes in a community that values excellence, honesty and kindness.

As we embark on this new journey, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. Our dedicated teachers are united in their mission to inspire, challenge, and support every child, to help them become confident, resilient and thoughtful individuals who are ready to take on the world.

Thank you for considering Orchard House School for your child's education. I look forward to welcoming you to our school community, where we are shaping the change-makers of tomorrow with care, creativity and a commitment to excellence.

Warm regards,
Henrietta Adams
Head



The New Orchard House School

New appearance, established excellence

Orchard House School has undergone an extensive transformation following its merger with Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School in September 2024. Combining years of prep school experience, we welcome boys and girls aged 3-11, to enjoy a spirited co-educational day school in the heart of leafy Chiswick. Set in beautiful village surroundings, our school offers exciting new facilities developed from our existing sites, including:



Fully refurbished classrooms.



State-of-the-art Early Years site.



A brand-new Innovation Hub, specially designed to inspire and nurture creativity.



Three outdoor teaching and play areas.



Private spaces for music lessons.



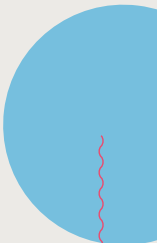
Two libraries, specific to pre-prep and prep.



All-weather surfaces at local sports facilities.



Dedicated well-being and SEND spaces for children.



Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School

Orchard House School

1915 -----
Chiswick & Bedford
Park Prep 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 -----
The nurseries of Orchard
House School and
Chiswick & Bedford Park
Prep School combined

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 the site at
2 Rupert Road

2020 -----
Orchard House, Bassett
House and Prospect
House became part of
Dukes Education

2021 -----
Building work began for
the combined Orchard
House School and
Chiswick & Bedford Park
Prep School sites

2024 -----
All classes combined
under the Orchard
House School name



Our History

Orchard House School originated as an alternative 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 has formed the foundations of the new, fully co-educational Orchard House School.



Our Values

When you join Orchard House School, you become a cherished member of our school family

Here, academic challenges are met with warm-hearted care and support. We encourage the development of strong habits and the willingness to try something new. We strive to strike the perfect balance of excellence, honesty and kindness, embodying our values fully in order to be the best we can be.





Excellence

With unrivalled staff, excellent facilities and top-quality extracurricular provision, we offer endless opportunities for children to discover where they excel. Science, humanities, the arts, or sport; we provide a rounded curriculum that encourages each child to find and follow their passions. Our children have ambitious goals and high hopes for their future, and we provide the best possible preparation for an extraordinary life.

Orchard House excels in all fields – our sport provision is quite literally award winning! We are very proud to have won the prestigious TES award for Innovation in Sport in 2020. However, we are certainly not resting on our laurels; we are constantly looking for new ways to excite children about sport and outdoor learning.



Honesty

Our guiding principle enables us to build respectful and genuine relationships, learning to trust and be trusted by others. Honesty creates a culture where children gain the courage to be themselves while taking responsibility for and learning from their mistakes. By helping build resilience and character, we ensure that our children are ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

In 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

True strength comes from embracing kindness—not only towards others, but ourselves too. This bold and intentional choice requires courage and self-compassion, especially when the world feels challenging. Kindness is an essential part of leadership, empowering our children to uplift those around them. They learn to lead with empathy, resilience and heart, creating a positive impact that will last a lifetime.

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 assemblies.



The cover features a white background with a light blue horizontal striped pattern. At the top center is a small blue and red vertical bar logo. Below it is a shield-shaped logo with the letters 'OHS' and a small blue and red horizontal bar at the bottom. The cover is decorated with several stylized trees: some are circular and teal, while others are teardrop-shaped and red. The trees are arranged in a way that suggests an orchard. At the bottom, the title 'THE LEARNING ORCHARD' is written in a dark blue, serif font, with 'THE' in a smaller font and underlined. Below the title is the tagline 'Growing the brightest minds.' in a smaller, dark blue font.

**THE LEARNING
ORCHARD**

Growing the brightest minds.



Our New Curriculum

The Learning Orchard is designed to prepare every child for their future, and to nurture valuable qualities that make for modest, yet ambitious young people. Our unique approach to teaching helps children adapt to new terrain, while fostering a lifelong love of learning. Our valuable qualities are incorporated into everything we do, encouraging our children to be kind, knowledgeable, articulate, inquisitive, adaptable, creative and determined.

Our Subjects



English



STEAM



Reasoning



Maths



Science



The Arts



Knowledge



Philosophy
& Oracy

Our Guiding Principles

HOLISTIC LEARNING

Linking topics and skills across the curriculum allows children to think creatively and critically, fostering curious and versatile learners.

LEADERSHIP

We nurture a sense of community, champion a dedication to service, and celebrate initiatives to inspire future leaders and change-makers.

POWERFUL KNOWLEDGE

Our broad, knowledge-rich curriculum encourages inquisitiveness and exploration, shaping well-rounded and informed individuals.

WORLD READINESS

By fostering creativity, invention, adaptability and an appetite for discovery, we help our children to thrive both at school and beyond.



Early Years

Skipping, running, rolling, jumping!

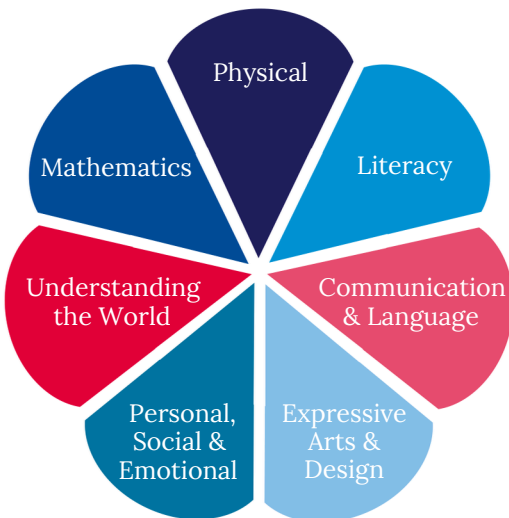
Learning is a hands-on, feet-first adventure for our curious young explorers, where every moment sparks excitement and discovery. At Orchard House, we see the natural world as our children's best educator and place it front and centre of our approach. Through this immersive experience, we foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime, encouraging exploration, creativity and a deep connection to the world around them.

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 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 elements of the Montessori philosophy in the classroom, helps our young children grow into healthy, resilient and independent learners.

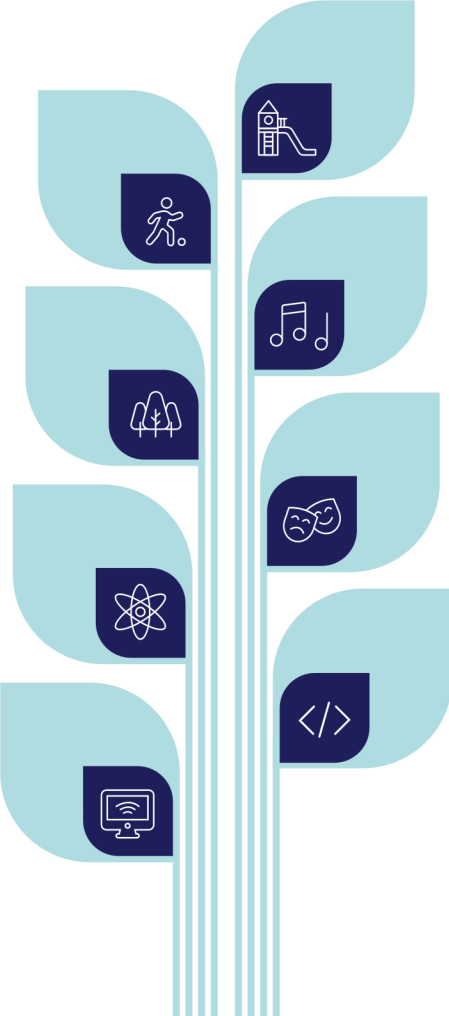
We follow the Early Years curriculum, which develops essential skills and knowledge across seven key areas of learning:



Our children also benefit from specialist lessons in **Music, Eurhythmics, Computing, Languages** and **PE**. Children have the opportunity to practice 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 your little one.



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. Our Early Years classrooms are beautifully crafted to meet the needs of children in a specific age range. 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





Pre-Prep and Prep School

Refreshingly progressive for a traditional prep school: our approach to teaching and learning is decidedly personal

What sets Orchard House School apart is our team. Our teachers bring learning to life and inspire a culture of curiosity and intellectual ambition every day. We nurture children's unique talents and interests, so they can flourish into confident and capable individuals.



All our teachers are extraordinary 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 children. Inquiry and in-depth learning are encouraged through research, open-ended investigations and curriculum linked school trips. Additionally, our Philosophy and Oracy programme develops essential skills in communication, collaboration and creativity, nurturing articulate and confident young people..

With the redevelopment of our sites, children also now benefit from a cutting-edge Innovation Hub, encouraging creative 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 children the knowledge and abilities they need to become confident, ambitious, independent learners for life.



English



Drama



Computing



Beliefs & Values



History



Reasoning



Science



Performing Arts



PE & Sports



Philosophy & Oracy



French



Maths



Art



Geography



Music



RSHE



STEM





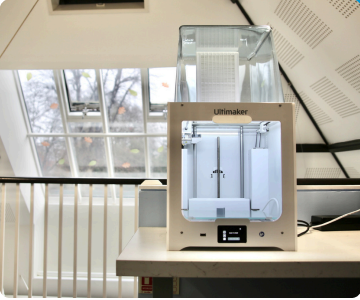
Innovation Hub

Future Focus — Orchard House School is founded on progressive educational ideas

We continue to keep one step ahead, with a state-of-the-art Innovation Hub boasting top-class facilities for creative learning in science, technology, engineering, art and maths. It is a space that combines nature and technology, with large skylights and outdoor planting spaces, as well as LEGO SPIKE challenges and a 3D printer. Our children use both iPads and Chromebooks to learn coding and programming in computing, and the Art and Design Studio has cameras and drawing tablets for digital creation. It is also home to our school's podcasting studio and green screen, allowing children to learn how to mix digital sound and film.

The Orchard House School Innovation Hub is a place where children become creators, makers and innovators. It 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.





Sports

Sprinting ahead with a tremendous track record

Where we excel in academics, we outdo ourselves in Sports. Following our prestigious TES Independent School Award for sport, our Head of Sport went on to win the TES Innovation in Teaching Sport award, meaning that 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 Janet Adegoke swimming pool. Children enjoy PE lessons focusing on health-related fitness, alternative sports, gymnastics, striking and fielding, padel, athletics and tennis. Alongside this, children enjoy learning to play football, rugby, hockey, netball and cricket during games lessons. All children in Forms 4 to 6 have the opportunity to play competitive matches against other schools, testing their mettle at tournaments around the country, regularly returning with medals and cups.

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 we place a premium not just on skills and achievement, but on effort, sportsmanship, commitment and determination. For us, the love of physical activity is the most important value we instil.



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 IAPS Finalist
25m Butterfly



ISA Swim Finals
-2 Gold Medals



Extracurricular Activities

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. We encourage all children from Year 1 upwards to sign up to our wide range of clubs covering sports, arts, academics and more. In addition to our 40 extracurricular clubs, being part of Dukes Education means that our children also have the chance to take part in inter-school activities such as Dukes Debating, Poetry Together and the Dukes Young Leaders Award.



Before and after school clubs:



Music

Woodwind Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble
Chamber Choir
Senior Choir
Junior Choir
Little Voices LAMDA
Orchestra
M:Tech Creative
Composition



Sports

Hockey
Netball
Football
Cricket
Gymnastics
Judo
Multi-Sport
Swimming
Running
Padel Tennis
Dance



Academics

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



Art

Pottery
Comic Book Making
Cross Stitch &
Embroidery
Art Club



Recreational

Chess
Cooking
Board Games
Touch-Typing
Eco Club



School Trips

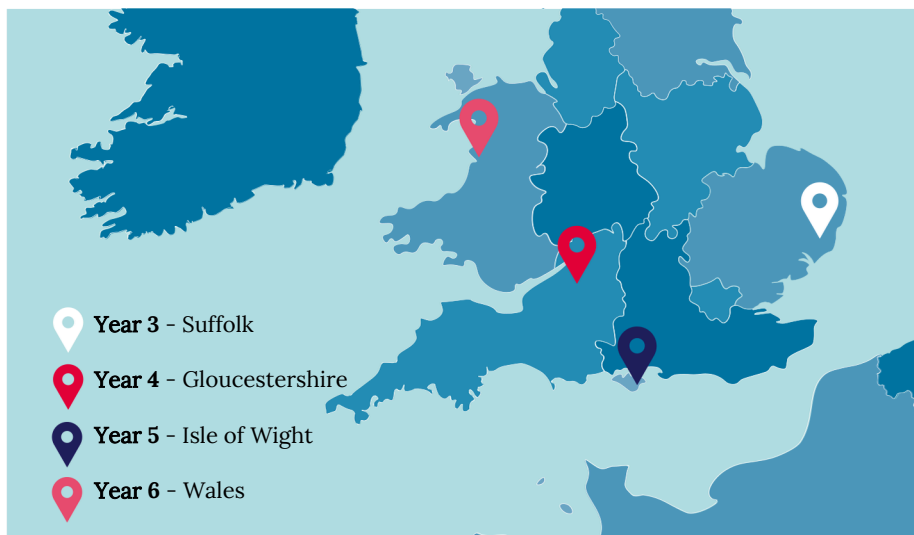
Providing children with some of their most memorable and rich school experiences

From the practicalities of camping to building lasting bonds with friends, children learn a tremendous amount on school trips. By applying learning in the outside world, we are able to visualise and build connections that both strengthen our understanding and create memorable educational experiences.

Raft Making on the Isle of Wight

Could you build a raft that floats—and supports a person or two? That is exactly what our Year 5 pupils do on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. But it is more than just a fun outdoor activity; it is a lesson in teamwork, communication, testing theories, making mistakes and always giving something your best try—skills they will with them in all their future endeavours.

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



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 and walk down the same halls as history's greatest Kings and Queens.

As well as heading beyond the school gates, we hold 'innings', where we welcome visiting experts to Orchard House School to speak with the children. Some favourites include 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.



The OHS Community

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 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 children 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: each child has a Pupil Pastoral Plan where they note any worries privately so that teachers can discreetly check-in and support them. Our playground friends help newcomers through their early days, and we encourage older children to mentor younger children. We support children's 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 allows children to celebrate their own successes as well as the achievements of others. Children also regularly organise charitable events to raise money for 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 go on to be the best they can be.



Future Schools & 11+

Preparing for senior school after Orchard House 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.

11+ Results

2024/2025 Cohort

Our Year 6 pupils received over 220 offers from nearly 50 different senior schools. There were over 50 scholarships awarded for academics, art, chess, drama, music, sport and all rounder.

Chiswick & Bedford Park

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

Orchard House

Before the merger, our 29 Year 6 pupils were offered places at 37 different schools. There were 9 scholarships awarded for academics, sport and music.

With academic excellence as standard, we are proudly ambitious for our children, 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 Dukes senior schools.



Join Orchard House School

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform with a light blue collar and red cuffs, is leaning over a wooden sensory bin. He is holding a magnifying glass with a red handle and looking intently at a small blue object in his hand. The bin is filled with various colorful toys, including small figures and objects. The background shows a wooden chair and a wooden structure, suggesting a classroom or playroom setting.

Our main point of entry is Nursery (3+). Occasional places are sometimes available from Reception or above. Please contact our Head of Admissions to check availability.

1 Register - To apply for a place, please fill out the Registration Form to be added to the waitlist. We recommend registering as early as possible, ideally after birth, to give your child the best chance of securing a place.

2 Visit - After registering, we would be delighted to show you around our school at a time that works best for you. During term time, we usually offer small group tours for a few families at a time. Please email admissions@orchardhs.org.uk to arrange your visit.

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 children who join us from Dukes Education nurseries or schools. Offers are then made in order of registration.
- b. If your child is offered a place, we will send you the offer by email.
- c. If an offer isn't made 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 the future.

4 Acceptance - 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 terms and conditions, please refer to 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 proof of their right to reside or visa. For more details, scan here:

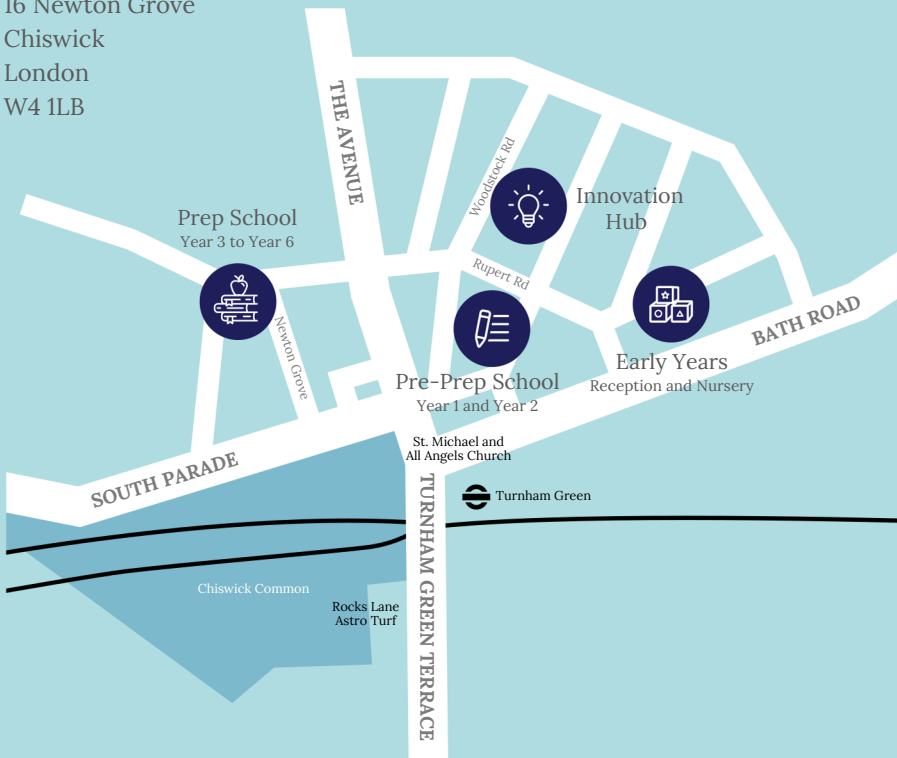


Contact Us

We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have. For admission inquiries or to arrange a visit, please contact: admissions@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.”



TOGETHER WE'RE EXTRAORDINARY





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